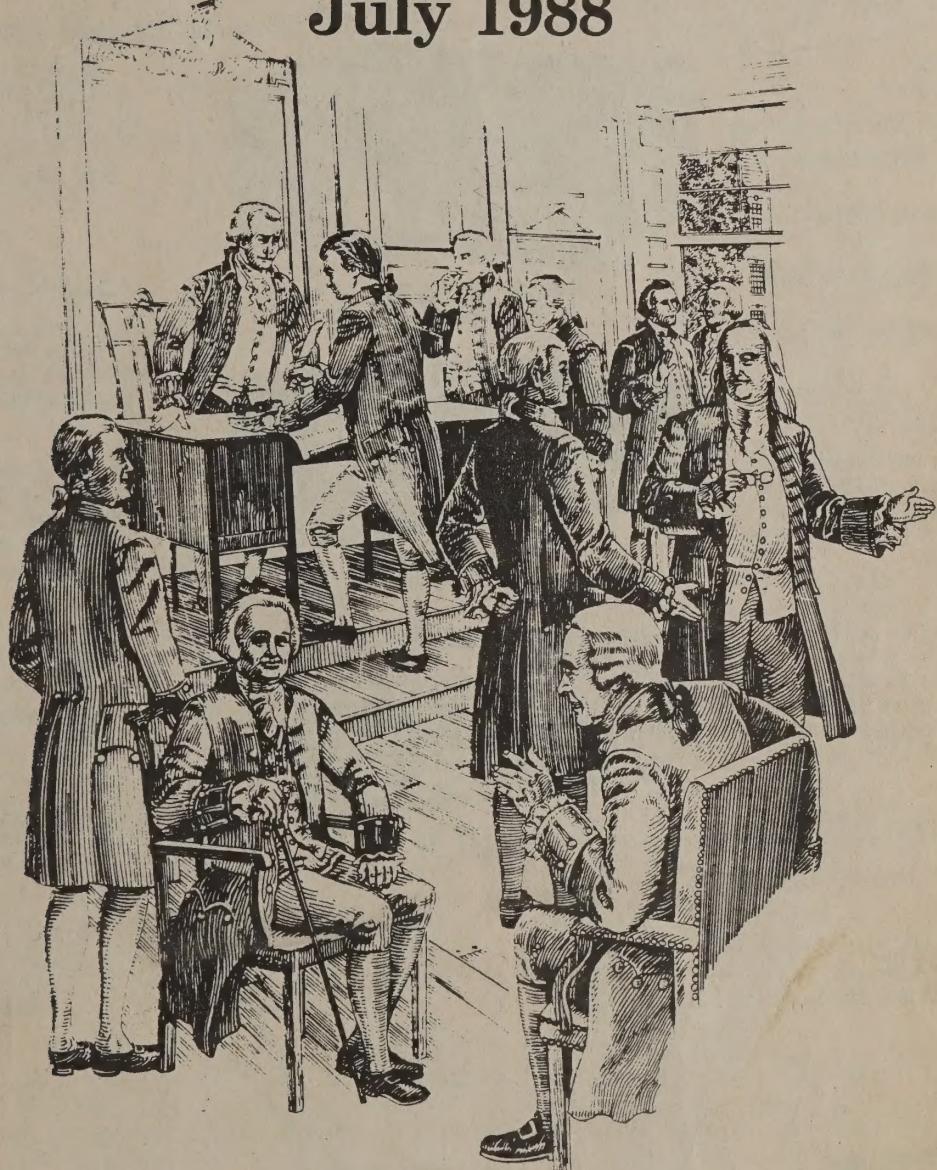




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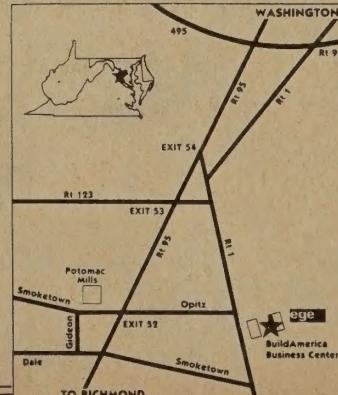
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**EDITOR'S  
Editorial**

If this issue of the Auto-Call feels pretty thick and heavy, it is!

We ended up with so much fine input for this month's issue that we couldn't cram it all into the regular 48 pages. We filled up 56! Count them!

Our regular columnists have pages chock-full of interesting material. W3SOG sent in a Guest Editorial. Anne Arundel ARC sent a Special Recognition article on Royal Mumford - W3CU, and I snuck in a tribute to our Grand Dame of Amateur Radio - Liz Zandonini - W3CDQ. KA3MKC gave a progress report on the FAR Speaker's Bureau and N4MM gave us a nice review on the Roanoke Division LPM. We have excellent reports from fourteen clubs this month. Our sincere thanks to all of those who contributed.

But like antenna heights, the number of articles we get is never high enough! We would like to hear from ALL the FAR clubs - at least once in a while. We would like to see more area clubs join the Foundation. We would like to see more people subscribing to Auto-Call.

Auto-Call is a good little magazine. I like WA3YLO's comment in last months Editorial: "Be a 'Know it all - Get Auto-Call.'" And he has a point. If you read Auto-Call you will keep pretty well up to date on practically everything that is going on in Amateur Radio. There is a wealth of information in every issue.

I hope we will continue to have enough material for a 56 page issue every month. But those extra pages cost extra money. If we are going to keep getting bigger and better, we are going to have to have more subscribers and more Display advertisers to pay the bills.

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# FCC Highlights

Bill Grenfell, W4GF

The FCC proposed rewrite of the Amateur Radio Service rules, which was reported in last months Highlights, is too long to reproduce here or in other Amateur radio publications in its entirety. The government print occupies 37 pages! However, "If you have any special concerns regarding the FCC rules, or if you simply want to be well informed on a matter of great importance to Amateur Radio, you should obtain your own copy of the NPRM. "A large self-addressed envelope with 85 cents postage, sent to ARRL HQ and marked 'Docket 88-139,' will speed a copy back to you." (ARRL Letter, 05/13/88) The ARRL address is: 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

In response to a petition by the ARRL, FCC has amended rule section 97.313 to require foreign amateur operators using reciprocal permits to place their US prefix first, followed by their call sign, while operating in the US. "For example, 'W4/DL6TJ' instead of 'DL6TJ/W4'." Several other countries have already implemented the procedure. (ARRL Letter, 05/23/88; Westlink Report, 05/27/88).

"Eleven Hams in Puerto Rico face the possible revocation of their licenses because of FCC charges that they were involved in testing fraud. "On May 3, the government issued 'Show Cause, Suspension and Designation' orders in which it names several volunteer examiners as the nucleus of a group which assisted family members, friends and acquaintances to fraudulently obtain ham radio licenses. "Also charged with obtaining licenses by fraudulent means are several candidates allegedly tested by the suspect VEs." The amateur licenses of each of those named was to be automatically suspended on May 28, unless a written request for a hearing on the charges was filed by one of the accused prior to then. The proceedings come after a year long investigation by FCC. "The FCC noted that it became suspicious of the possibility of license

fraud when it saw a huge upward spiral in the census of hams residing in Puerto Rico. "At the time, the average national growth of amateur operators was about 3.5% while in Puerto Rico it had exceeded 50%."..."Additional revocation proceedings are expected."..."in addition to losing their amateur licenses, those involved in the license fraud scam could also face criminal prosecution." (Westlink Report, 05/27/88; W5YI Report, 05/15/88).

The Seattle, Washington FCC office and the State Section of the ARRL have entered into a formal agreement with respect to the use of volunteers to relieve the FCC workload, the main function of the Amateur Auxiliary Group being to resolve amateur radio interference problems. "In addition, the Seattle FCC office will refer other amateur oriented inquiries to the Auxiliary for response." (Westlink Report, 05/07/88).

FCC's former Special Services Division Chief, Ray Kowalski left FCC last December to join a Washington law firm. However, before he left, recognition was given by FCC to two overlapping 220 Mhz repeater coordination organizations and their cooperation was called for. However it has obviously failed since one body has filed suit against the other. Even though he was no longer with FCC, Ray was on the program of the Dayton Hamvention in April. He spoke about amateur volunteerism, such as repeater coordination, as being "Ham radio's greatest strength (and) also its greatest weakness..." "Sooner or later a repeater coordinator is going to have to tell somebody no [you can't have a frequency], and when you do you are going to get sued..." "I think that lawsuits are completely out of place in amateur radio." "However, it is my personal view that lawsuits are the logical and natural result of the posture that the FCC has placed ham radio in today. (Westlink Report, 05/13/88, 05/27/88).

## FCC HIGHLIGHTS - Continued

"The ARRL has made an offer to the FCC to solve the nationwide repeater coordination crisis through a one time League-sponsored national repeater coordination referendum, one that would let repeater owners in various locations choose whom they want to coordinate them." It was made by ARRL Hudson Division Director Mendelson, WA2DHF, at the FCC Forum at the 1988 Dayton Hamvention. FCC Personal Radio Branch John Johnston was present and appeared to have no objection to the proposal. It now must be brought before the ARRL Board of Directors for approval. (Westlink Report, 05/13/88).

When a River Edge, New Jersey amateur was denied a five foot variance request to the town's 35 foot maximum tower height limit, he filed a complaint in district court against the city officials claiming an invalid use of the city's police powers and constitutional violations. The defendants claimed that the 1985 FCC Memorandum Opinion and Order called PRB-1 was not applicable in this case because "the FCC specifically did not preempt local regulations such as those at issue in this case." Finally an appeals court opinion found that PRB-1 did apply, the township agreed to recognize the validity of PRB-1 and granted WA2INW the variance. "This is the third published case finding in which the validity of PRB-1 has been upheld by a federal court." (Westlink Report, 05/13/88).

Calling the United Parcel Service proposal in Docket 87-14 to allocate 220-222 MHz to narrow band land mobile users "seriously flawed," the Department of Defense (DoD) has filed comments with the National Communications System (NCS) joining, strongly supporting Amateur Radio. This was in response to the late filed UPS comments in the Docket. DoD/NCS noted that the amateur community and the radiolocation operations of DoD have successfully shared the 220-222 MHz segment for many years and the UPS proposal would "preclude the

shared use of these frequencies by radiolocation, forcing the two users to attempt to find other suitable frequencies." (ARRL Letter, 05/23/88; FCC HIGHLIGHTS, 05/07/88; W5YI Report, 05/15/88).

The FCC has agreed to "withdraw without prejudice to the filing of further petitions on the subject" the ARRL petition to modify Sections 97.31 and 97.515 of the rules governing appointment of Volunteer Examiners (VEs).

The original petition was filed to prevent VEs whose accreditation had been suspended or revoked by one VEC, from serving as a VE under a different VEC. After discussing the situation with representatives of the FCC, it appears that there are alternative methods of dealing with this problem which will be more easily pursued if a formal petition is not on file. (ARRL Letter, 05/23/88).

"In 1986 Andrew Bodony, K2LE, brought suit in US District Court to overturn denial by the Village of Sands Point, NY, of his application for a building permit for an 86-foot tower, retractable to 23 feet. "...the court found PRB-1 to be a proper exercise of FCC authority and invalidated the village's 25-foot height limitation as it unduly restricted Bodony's antennas. "This case represents the first time a zoning ordinance was declared invalid on the basis of PRB-1 and it is an important precedent for radio amateurs fighting unreasonable local zoning ordinance[s]." (ARRL Letter, 05/23/88).

TV Answer Inc (TAI) in RM-6196 has requested the reallocation of 500 kHz in the 216-222 MHz band to market an interactive viewer response system, and suggested that 220.5 MHz would be a good candidate for this reallocation since "it was underutilized by amateurs." The ARRL had filed strong comments and reply comments to the TAI petition, which noted its many defects, including lack of specific technical data. "TAI has now filed reply comments [on] its own petition which contains three attachments

## FCC HIGHLIGHTS - Continued

of new engineering technical data. "Why does ARRL want this data removed? "For the simple reason that the introduction of new data in one's reply comments is forbidden by the Commission. The ARRL, or anyone else, does not have an opportunity to reply to this new information. "This new technical data should have been included in TAI's original petition, or included in its comments. "(Interestingly, TAI did not file comments supporting its own Petition!) (ARRL Letter, 05/23/88).

KC6, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), formerly East Caroline Islands, is now a sovereign, self-governing nation in free association with the US. FSM has not yet established procedures for licensing of amateur operators; however, under the Compact of Free Association, the US is authorized to act on behalf of the FSM in certain telecommunications matters. Until FSM issues amateur permits, FCC licenses granted in the US still apply. (ARRL Letter, 05/23/88).

Use of Single Sideband Suppressed Carrier (J3E) emission in the entire 10.10 -10.15 MHz band is requested in a petition filed at FCC by A. J. Sivo, W2FJ. He "...argues that amateurs are not using the 30 meter band to its fullest extent. "He further requests "...in order to achieve full utilization of the 10.1MHz band, that no sub-allocation of the various modes be made." He refers to the 160 meter band as a successfully working precedent for operation in a band where no sub-allocation of the various emission modes has been made. "The FCC...is requesting public comment on the proposal." Comments should refer to RM-6363. (W5YI Report, 05/15/88).

The definition of a frequency coordinator (Section 97.3(aa)) in the FCC rules should be changed to read: "An individual or organization selected in a regional area by owners or trustees of amateur repeaters, remote bases, and auxiliary links, which recommends frequencies and, where necessary, associated operating and technical parameters...", according to a

petition filed at FCC by K. V. Pagel, N6BVU. He "...feels that recognition as a frequency coordinator should come solely from repeater/remote/auxiliary owners or trustees not users. "...users don't care about the coordination process," he argues. (W5YI Report, 05/15/88).

The recent grant of the special call sign GB2UP to the UoSAT DCE ground station by the UK "...allows US AMSAT packeters to take advantage of the limited third party agreement in effect between the USA and the United Kingdom. "The treaty agreement allows third party traffic to be passed to or from UK stations using call sign prefix "GB", except those with GB3". (W5YI Report, 05/15/88).

"The ARRL/VEC has received notification that the FCC voided the upgrades of 23 amateurs in the New York City area. The session in question was administered by the ARRL/VEC in January, 1986, and has been under investigation by both the FCC and the ARRL/VEC for irregularities. The VEC Liaison Team was discredited in November 1986 for irregularities detected in several sessions that year. "(Liaisons are responsible for test material security while in the possession of the VEC team). "Each individual's license class (if any) reverts to the class that he or she held prior to the test.

"The individuals are still eligible to apply for upgrades. "The action came as a surprise, as there had been no communication concerning this investigation from the FCC in nearly 18 months." (ARRL Letter, 05/13/88).

See page 12 for latest calls issued and End-of-April License Totals.  
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# American Radio Relay League Report

By John Swafford - W4HU

This ARRL Report provides a brief summary of information published in the ARRL LETTER and other reports. The LETTER provides timely news of interest to active radio amateurs. Any League member may subscribe to the ARRL LETTER.

detail explaining the unique qualities of the 220 band and why, due mostly to propagation or shared use, the other amateur bands could not reaccommodate the 220-222 MHz amateur users.

DoD/NCS concluded that it needed the 216-225 MHz band for its radiolocation service, and that continuing this allocation is "crucial to the development of an Advanced Tactical Surveillance Radar and other radiolocation systems."

Perry Williams, WIUED, ARRL Washington Area Coordinator reminds us that these reply comments actually represent two agencies: the Department of Defense itself made the point that the military services had a continuing need for radar in the 216-225 MHz band beyond 1990 ending date for such use; did not believe it could share with a private Land Mobile service, but was content to continuing sharing with the Amateur Service. The other agency involved in the paper was the National Communications System (NCS), a consortium of 23 government agencies which use communications services of all types--radios, wirelines, satellites, or fiber optics; in normal times, times of natural disaster or in the event of enemy attack. The NCS is charged with National Security Emergency Preparedness; as such, it is known to amateurs as the operators of Night Tango exercises in the past. It is very interested in amateurs' burgeoning capability for large-scale message handling by packet radio, much of it done in the amateur 220-222 MHz sub-band which is under attack in the Docket (87-14). Thus, the NCS role in the Department of Defense filing is significant, and should be made known to radio amateurs.

**AMATEUR INTERESTS SUPPORTED BY DOD/NCS.** Calling the UPS proposal "seriously flawed," the Department of Defense (DoD) together with the National Communications Systems (NCS) has filed reply comments strongly supporting Amateur Radio in response to the late filed UPS comments in Docket 87-14. These important comments should greatly aid the amateur community in our fight to retain the threatened bottom two megahertz of the 220 band.

In its comments, Dod/NCS said it was currently conducting "several sensitive research efforts that show the imperative need to continue Radiolocation as a primary service in the 216-25 MHz band." These research efforts involve certain advanced forms of radar. Dod/NCS noted that the amateur community and the radiolocation operations of DoD have successfully shared the 220-222 MHz segment for many years and the UPS proposal would "preclude the shared use of these frequencies by radiolocation, forcing the two users to attempt to find other suitable frequencies."

"...the Amateur Radio Service has a variety of critical operations at 220-222 MHz, including fixed, auxiliary and control links for repeaters, beacons, weak-signal propagation, research and experimentation and, most recently, an increasing number of high-speed data links for amateur packet radio operations. These links must be situated at 220-222 MHz due to the band-width and path lengths required, the high occupancy of the 144-148 MHz band and the likely full utilization of 220-225 MHz by repeaters in major metropolitan areas in the future." DoD/NCS continued in some

**SOLAR CYCLE PEAK MAY BE EARLY.** The peak of the next solar cycle may occur as early as late 1988, and may possibly be the most intense cycle ever measured. According to Dr. Patrick McIntosh, Director of Solar Physics

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Research at NOAA's Space Environment Laboratory in Boulder Colorado, the solar activity level could reach normal maximum by summer if current trends continue. Earlier predictions based on traditional methods suggested that 1992 be the maximum.

Predicting solar activity is risky, and Dr McIntosh cautions that the rapidly increasing levels could flatten out. However, NASA is apparently taking some precautionary action with its low earth orbiting satellites, protecting them from the "drag" that increases during periods of high solar activity.

**US POSTAGE INCREASE AFFECTS MAIL TO CANADA.** Everyone is aware that the US increased its postage rates from 22 cents to 25 cents for First Class mail on April 3. However, what you may not be aware of is that the rates for letters to Canada are no longer the same postage as domestic mail. It now costs 30 cents to send a First-Class letter to Canada from the US, and if you are sending a QSL card, it will now cost you 21 cents if it's bound for North of the border.

The rate for letters and cards sent to Mexico remains the same: 25 cents for letters and 15 cents for postcards.

**ARRL MEMBERSHIP BREAKS RECORDS.** April marked a milestone in League history. Full Membership at the end of April totaled 135,829, the largest in League history: every additional Full Member establishes a new record. The increased membership is attributed to the vast number of volunteers who assist in the field, stable dues rates, which have remained unchanged since 1981, the quality and popularity of League publications, and greater operating efficiency at HQ.

The ARRL has taken on a leadership role on issues such as Amateur Radio growth, and promoting Novice Enhancement, which promoted this growth and didn't hamper already-licensed amateurs. The formula

was productive, as new FCC-issued amateur licenses are up by 12 percent or more in each of the two most recent quarters, compared to the same period last year.

The League has implemented restructured programs providing for greater membership participation and input, making it even more of a "membership based" organization.

**SKITREK UPDATE.** Contrary to our story in the ARRL Letter (No. 8, April 22, 1988) the Canadian Radio Relay League has informed us that they are providing only ONE QSL card for those who work CI8C. There are no cards available, as far as we are aware, for those hearing the UoSAT OSCAR 11 Digitalker.

After fifty days on the polar ice, the team of four Canadian and nine Russian skiers reached the North Pole on April 26. This, the first major objective on the trek, was 1000 kilometers from the start at Cape Arctic on Severnaya Zemlya.

On the last phase of the journey to Cape Columbia, Canadian station CI8C at Resolute Bay assumes responsibility for communications with the team.

Canadian communications coordinator Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, reports that all expedition communications are working extremely well.

**THINK BEFORE YOU BUY "USED" GEAR.** There are potential problems involved in the buying and selling of used radio equipment that hams should remain aware of.

There is a reported case of a ham being arrested for possession of "stolen" equipment after having innocently purchased a piece of "surplus" commercial radio equipment for conversion and use on the amateur bands. Beware of future implications when dealing for that piece

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of "surplus" equipment--you may face felony charges for possession of stolen property, not to mention the loss of the equipment without any reimbursement to you!

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**AMATEUR OPERATION FROM KC6.** KC6, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), formerly East Caroline Islands, is now a sovereign, self-governing nation in free association with the US. FSM has not yet established procedures for licensing of amateur operators; however the US, under the Compact of Free Association, is authorized to act on behalf of the FSM in certain telecommunications matters. Until FSM issues amateur permits, FCC licenses granted in the US still apply.

**WOHLERS ADDRESS CHANGES.** Effective June 17, the mailing address of the Albert H. Wohlers company, administrator of the ARRL Equipment and Club Liability Insurance programs, will change as follows:

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**DAYTON HAMVENTION '88.** Close to 30,000 amateurs from around the world invaded the Hara Arena April 29-May 1 for the 37th annual Dayton Hamvention. This represents about a 3000 to 4000 increase over last year's attendance, and does not include statistics from a new program implemented this year. Special Hamvention tickets (about 10,000), in addition to the regular ham tickets, were targeted towards high school students this year as a prototype program. The prizes for these special ticket holders were separate from the regular Hamvention prizes, and chosen with the non-amateur in mind (such as publications to assist in obtaining an Amateur Radio license, and receiving equipment).

According to Ed Hillman, N8ALN, Hamvention Assistant General Chairman, it appeared that the commercial exhibitors had done well, and by the appearance of the "smiles on the faces" of flea market exhibitors they too were pleased with the attendance. The weather for the entire weekend was spectacular and those in search of the "elusive flea" outside without some "sunscreen" no doubt wished they had brought some!

The Hamvention banquet was attended by over 1300 people. Master of ceremonies was Johnny Walker, a veteran broadcaster who is familiar with Amateur Radio, and has produced several shows on the public service aspects of the hobby. Gordon West, WB6NOA, was the guest speaker, and his program utilized a spectacular laser light demonstration to show propagation effects, EME, and Meteor Scatter techniques. DARA Awards were given for Amateur of the Year, Posthumously awarded to Bill Bennett, W7PHO, for his creation of the Western Washington DX Club, and DX Family Hour Net Special Achievement, to Fred Hammond, VE3HC, for his assistance in getting stations from The Peoples

## ARRL REPORT - Continued

Republic of China on the air, and his antique radio museum; and Technical Achievement, to Lew McCoy, W1ICP, for his easy-to-understand construction projects to assist new amateurs in their understanding the technical aspects of the hobby.

At this year's event over 400 commercial exhibitors included many computer companies, adding this growing facet of Amateur Radio to the Dayton Hamvention.

All of the major equipment manufacturers had some new "toy" on display, and there was no lack of places to get rid of "green stamps."

Prizes for this year's Hamvention were provided by over 130 distributors, with a total value in excess of \$71,000. Topping the list was Kenwood USA Corporation, with donated prizes totaling over \$14,000!

As the Dayton Municipal Airport disgorged hams to all compass directions, we wearily await next year's Hamvention, bringing more money, some sunscreen, and making certain to make our reservations for April 28-30, 1989.

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## FCC HIGHLIGHTS - Continued

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WF2V	KE2GL	N2IDN	KB2FPT
NO3L	KD3HT	N3GEG	KA3TAW
AB4H	KM4AZ	N4SRY	KC4EZD
AA5FO	KG5JR	N5NMB	KB5GCC
AA6IG	KJ6GH	N6SAL	KB6YAQ
WN7I	KF7JK	N7KXS	KB7EVP
WF8A	KE8RH	N8JLV	KB8EQB
NY9R	KE9KJ	N9HKW	KB9ASO
WGØZ	KEØUT	NØJEU	KBØCMY
HAWAII	AH6IY*	NH6PB	WH6BXX
ALASKA	AL7JV*	NL7NH	WL7BRF

\* EXTRA CLASS ALSO ASSIGNED  
FROM THIS GROUP

CLASS	END-OF-MONTH LICENSE TOTALS	
	MAR 1988	APR 1988
EXTRA	44,617	44,819
ADVANCED	98,505	98,403
GENERAL	113,900	113,623
TECHNICIAN	95,256	95,810
NOVICE	82,705	82,780
TOTALS	434,983	435,435

## W1AW Renovation Fund Drive

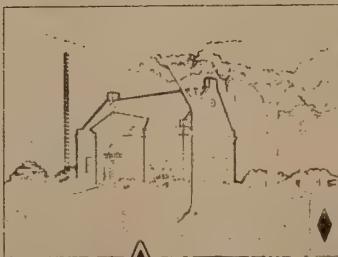
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## PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT

FCC Regulations 97.1: "The rules and regulations in this part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE . . . SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC as a voluntary noncommercial communications service, particularly with respect to PROVIDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS."

Jeff Wilkes, W4NFA

### ---HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ---

On May 7, 1988, a local power failure and subsequent telephone failure left the Southern Maryland Hospital Center without either internal or external communications. Hospital officials called the PG County Office of Emergency Preparedness for assistance. Gould KA3DUE, So. PG Co. EC, was quickly contacted by County officials and Gould activated So. PG. Co. ARES to support the County operations at the hospital. George KA3KIF, AEC, quickly established a call-up net on the 147.15 repeater and by 0700 ARES members supplemented by volunteers from the So. Maryland Amateur Radio Club were on the scene.

Message traffic from various locations in the hospital was passed via two meters simplex. Outgoing traffic was passed via two meters simplex to County officials manning cellular telephone equipped Office of Emergency Preparedness vehicles parked just outside the hospital. In coming external communications received via cellular telephones were

similarly relayed to the proper location within the hospital using two meters. The operation continued until about 1400 when full utility services were restored.

Joey N3EQL, Public Service Coordinator for the So. Maryland Amateur Radio Club, was very helpful in arranging for many club members who were to participate in a Boy Scout Jamboree event that same day, to assist in the emergency. Jim WB3KKO is also to be lauded for his smooth and well organized net control operation at the scene. The following ARES members participated: N3EQJ, KA3RMZ, K2CJX, N3FNZ, W3IDL, WB3KKO, KA3KIF, and KA2FWJ. The following club members also assisted: KA3KIQ, KA3IDZ, KA3DNW, KW3X, N3FUZ, KF3T, W3FVD, WB3EBA, and WA3YUV. All of these Amateurs are to be applauded for their spirit of assistance and cooperation.

-reported by N3EQJ AEC

### --- MS 150K BIKE TOUR ---

For the seventh straight year, members of Loudoun Co. ARES, Prince William Co. ARES, and Fairfax Co. ARES (primarily the Vienna Amateur Radio Emergency Corps) cooperated to provide communication services to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Annual 150K (100 mile) Bike Tour. The event is one of several annual fund raising event of the MS Society which uses the money to provide a variety of services to the more than 2500 local residents who live with MS as

well as continuing research for a cure for this chronic disease of the central nervous system which result in anything from slight blurring of vision to complete paralysis, generally affecting people between 15 and 50 years old. Each biker must obtain at least \$1 per kilometer in pledges from family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or businesses. Companies and organization often sponsor teams (4 members minimum) to compete for a Corporate Cup. Prizes are awarded

## PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT - Continued

those who raise \$2, \$3, \$5, \$9, or \$13 per km as well as the person who raises the greatest amount. All participants and volunteers received T-shirts, meals, snacks, and overnight accommodations at the High Road Center on Saturday night. The Center is the 75 miles mark for the Tour which started at the Vienna Community Center at 0630 on Saturday May 21 and ended at Harper's Ferry at 1500 on Sunday May 22. Amateur Radio communications was provided to assure the safety of the bikers and volunteer workers.

Planning for the Tour began in November 1987, with letters mailed by the MS Society to all hams who had participated in previous years. Jeff W4NFA was the Communications Coordinator, and Larry KA3BAL assisted by attending the many volunteer meetings held at the MS Society Offices on K Street in D.C. Hams were assigned to each of ten checkpoints Saturday and five checkpoints Sunday. In addition, hams were to man four mobiles which were to be supplied and driven by MS officials and volunteers. Permission was granted by owners and trustees for use of the 146.79- and 147.300+ repeaters.

By the middle of April it was clear that plans would have to be modified to accommodate the numbers of bikers who were registering - more than twice the number of previous years. Large circus tents were arranged to be erected at the High Roads Center for bikers who were not among the first 140 (the maximum number which could be accommodated in the cabins available). The small trucks to be used to transport the bikers personal supplies (sleeping bags, clothes, etc.) were upgraded to two full size moving vans. Two more mobiles were added each day. Buses were reserved to transport bikers from the High Road Center to a nearby school gym to supplement the inadequate shower facilities. Additional supplies were obtained.

By the time the final letters were mailed to the twenty-five hams who had agreed

to support the operation, 535 bikers had registered - nearly 4 times the number of previous years. The months of planning were paying off!

On Friday evening, May 20, Larry KA3BAL and Howard W3CQH drove up to the High Road Center placing Bike Tour directional signs at predetermined intersections along their route. Other MS volunteers placed signs along the sections of the route that Larry and Howard would not be driving. After staking out the Infirmary building as the location of Net Control (the only building with indoor plumbing, a telephone, a refrigerator, and good bunks), they began setting up antennas and rigs. In addition to two meters which would be used for the net, a CB rig with high-gain antenna was installed for communications to nine members of the Gold Wings motor cycle club who would be patrolling between checkpoints both days.

At 0600 Saturday, Jeff W4NFA arrived at the Vienna Community Center to begin coordination with the MS people. He was soon joined by Dave N4JGQ who operated as talk-in and net control from the Community Center from 0630 until 0930 when the Community Center operation was secured.

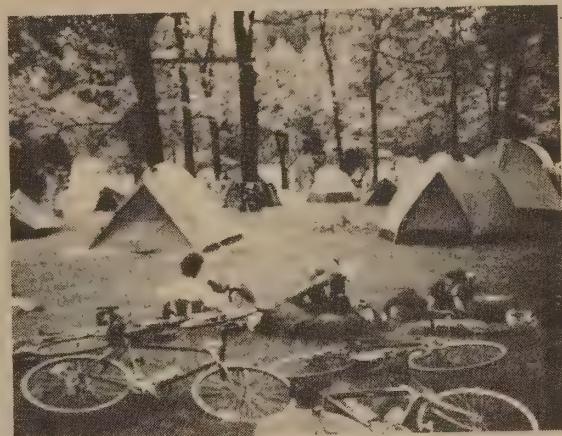


Start Line for 1988 MS 150K  
at Vienna Community Center  
Pictured are Joe - WB4WZZ  
and Dave - N4JGQ

## PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT - Continued

By 0630 the first two checkpoints were manned by Norm KB4VCV and Barney WA4HIM, and all hams were in route to their assignments. By 0900 all six mobiles were manned and in operation. Due to a lack of MS volunteers, Bob KK4BG and Jeff W4NFA drove their own vehicles. The MS Coordinator, Tina Friend, rode with Jeff until she arrived at the High Road Center. Other key people were assigned to the mobiles in order to be available for decision making. Bringing up the rear behind the bikers was the drag vehicle manned by Dick K4LV. He was assigned to stay behind the last biker at all times. When the drag left a checkpoint, the checkpoint was secured. By the time net control was transferred to W3CQH at the High Road Center, the official count was 490 bikers checked through the starting line.

roads through Ashburn and Arcola in Loudoun Co., south across Rt. 50 into Prince William Co., through Gainesville, west to The Plains in Faquier Co., and north back into Loudoun Co., through Middleburg, and to the High Roads Center near Mountville.



Part of the Tent City at High Roads Center Saturday night Camp-over. 490 bikers occupied cabins and tents



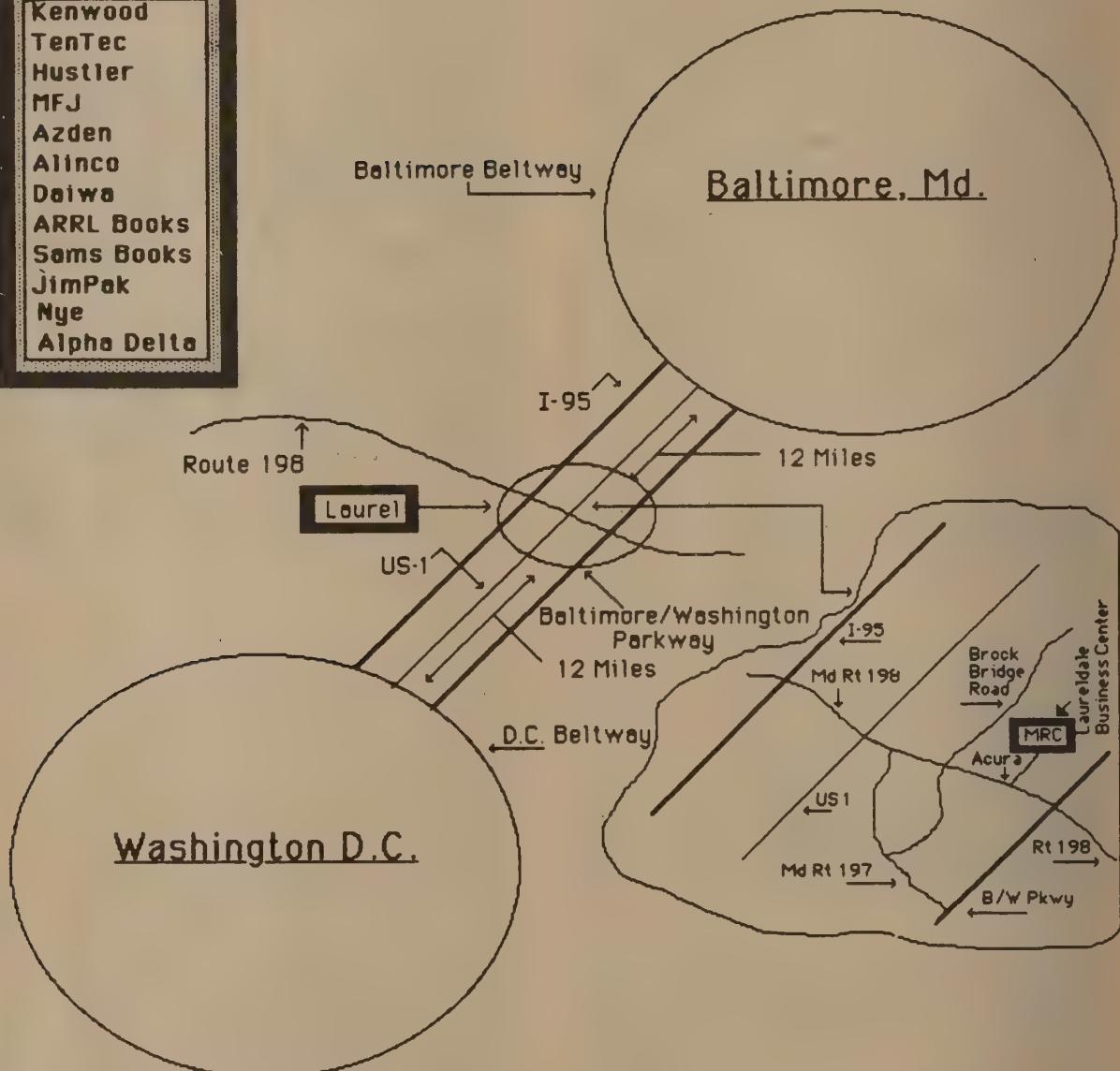
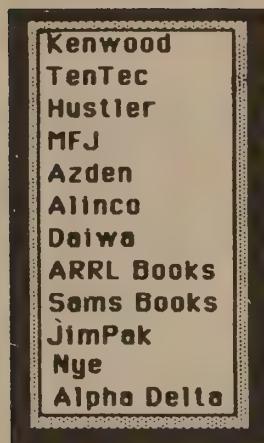
Net Control Station for 1988 MS 150K Bike Ride at High Roads Center.  
Howard - W3CQH at the mike

The threat of rain had apparently discouraged many and the ten percent drop out expected was exceeded, but the turnout was still more than three times previous years. At 1130, the net was transferred from the NVFMA 146.79- machine which had served very well, to the 147.300+ machine which would be used for the rest of the operation. The bikers spent the day winding up the WO&D trail to Herndon where they exited onto back

On Sunday morning after a quick 0600 breakfast, the net was once again activated. The first two checkpoints were manned by John N3BAL and Ray WA3DYP. Joe WB4WZZ was net control operator for the day from the High Roads Center. Following the same routine, the bikers traveled west to Airmont, north through Roundhill, north through Mechanicsville, and onto Harper's Ferry when the ride ended in the Bolivar Heights park. After a picnic, the bikers were loaded onto buses and transported back to the Vienna Community Center where their personal items had to be delivered by moving van from the High Road Center. As the last stragglers arrived at Harper's Ferry at 1500, the net was secured.

Communications proved once again to be key to the smooth running of the event. Traffic was so continuously heavy on the net, that next year's operation will be planned around two nets. The CB link to the motor cyclists proved to be very useful - the Goldwings continually located

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## PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT - Continued

bikers needing assistance between checkpoints and were able to notify either the nearest checkpoint or net control for dispatching of a mobile unit to assist. By noon on Saturday, many biker's reached the end of their stamina and had to be picked up and transported. From early afternoon until the end of the day's ride, a continuous stream of loaded mobiles were kept busy rescuing bikers. Two bikers fell and had to be transported to the Leesburg Hospital for checkup-one returned to the ride but the other had to be transported back to Vienna.

Despite the maps and route markers, many bikers got off the route. Even with careful tracking by Amateur Radio, one biker was lost and ended up in Warrenton! She called the emergency phone number at net control and a mobile was dispatched to transport her and her bike to the High Roads Center. Dozens of bikers experienced mechanical problems including many blowouts. The two mobiles provided with tool kits, bicycle tubes, and pumps were kept so busy that another mobile had to be dispatched to Leesburg to secure additional tubes, tires, and other parts. When it was all over, all but one biker finished the ride.

In addition to those already mentioned, the following hams participated: Tom K4FHK, Joe KB4VHK, Harry W4PVA, Steve N4OGR, Bill K3CUU, Bob KK4GB, Harold N3BRM, Dick K4LV, Mitch AA4WV, Chuck WD4HXG, Chris KK4GC, Chuck W4LFO, and Bonnie N4QPB.



Harry - W4PUA operating at Check Point 6 During MS 150K Bike Ride  
Unidentified REACT operator provided Liaison to Goldwing motor cyclists patrols between checkpoint 6 and checkpoints 5 and 7

### --- SKYWARN ALERTS ---

In mid-May, several days of thunderstorms and heavy rains prompted the National Weather Service to activate the regional SKYWARN severe weather spotting system. Several Amateurs from southern PG County ARES as well as members of the So. Maryland ARC acted as net control operators at the Weather Service office in Camp Springs. Among

these were KA3KIF, W3IDL, KA3IDZ, W3FVD, and N4QOS. A number of So. PG Co. ARES and So. Maryland ARC members submitted spotting reports from locations in the region. In addition, dozens of Amateurs throughout the Mid-Atlantic area radioed weather information.

-reported by N3EQJ AEC

### -- 1988 VIVA VIENNA --

Sunday May 29, 1988, was sunny and hot. But in spite of the 91 degree humid weather, thousands of people spent the day visiting the booths set up on Church St. and adjoining side streets, and enjoy-

ing the free entertainment provided by civic groups. There was even free Viva Vienna cake available for the asking.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT - Continued

Members of the Vienna Wireless Society, Inc., manned a ham radio demonstration exhibit as they have each year the street festival has been held. This year, the exhibit was of special significance since 1988 is the 25th birthday for the Society.

The exhibit included rigs on 2, 10, and 20 meters. Handouts were provided to visitors and those who indicated interest

in the Amateur Radio service were invited to the next running of the VWS Novice license class.

Art N4JMJ coordinated the exhibit this year and the following VWS members participated: WB9UJS, WA4HIM, W4JQT, AB4CF, W4DZI, KB4YMA, W4MIB, W4NFA, and WI4A. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

### --- NEW PG CO. EC ---

George Dewees-KA3KIF has recently been appointed as So. PG Co. Emergency Coordinator, replacing Gould KA3DUE who had to step down due to health reasons.

Gould has been PG Co. EC and subsequently So. PG Co. EC for more than three years. In spite of some difficulties during his tenure, his accomplishments have placed Amateur Radio in a very favorable spotlight in his jurisdiction. As a result of Gould's efforts, Amateur Radio is officially a key part of

emergency preparedness in Prince George's County. This foundation of commitment from the County will help George start his term on a firm footing. We hope to see Gould continue as an ARES/RACES member, and wish George much success in the future. All So. PG. Co. ARES members are encouraged to take the initiative to contact George to congratulate him on his appointment and to offer his support.

-reported by N3EQJ AEC

See pages 48 - 49  
For list of ECS and Traffic Nets  
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### PUBLIC SERVICE CALENDAR

6/20/88: National Capital ARES (NCARES) Council Meeting; 1915 at D.C. Red Cross Chapter House Board Room 2021 E St. NW

6/22 - 6/25/88: Gettysburg Reenactment; Joe WB4WZZ 241-0078

7/4/88: Fairfax City July 4th Parade; Joe W4LBL 273-2188

7/18/88: NCARES Council Meeting; 1915

8/15/88: NCARES Council Meeting; 1915

Material for PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT can be left at W4NFA-1 PBBS on 145.07 or mailed to 9809 Meadow Dale Ct., Vienna, Va. 22180. Deadline for receipt of material is the fifth of the month.

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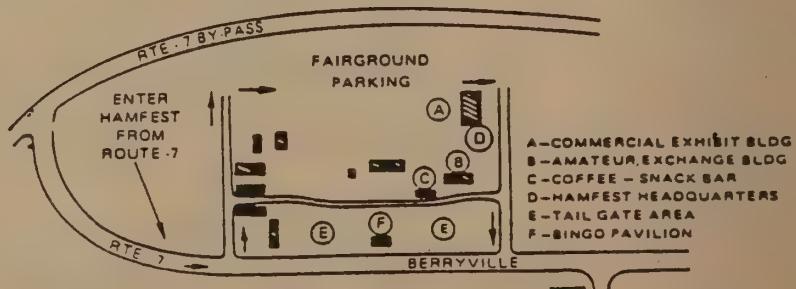


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SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATIONS  
1988

IMPORTANT NOTE: Certificates of successful completion for theory tests are not always accepted. Check with the contact person for the exam you wish to take.

- July 9 University of Maryland ARC (College Park, MD) (W5YI VEC) Walk-in  
Contact: Scott Rosenfeld - NF3I (301) 963-4008
- Geo Wash U & Dept of State ARCs (Washington DC) (ARRL VEC) Walk-in  
Contact: Derrill Rohlfs - W3WOX (301) 423-0179
- Massanutten ARA/Valley ARC (Harrisonburg, VA) (ARRL VEC) NO Walk-ins  
Pre-registration required 3-4 weeks in advance.  
Contact: Wayne Miller - KB4WOM (703) 867-5428
- July 16 Chesapeake DX Association (W5YI exam)  
Contact: Bill Verebely - KC4YX (804) 424-4764
- Sterling Park ARC (Sterling, VA) (ARRL VEC) Walk-in  
Contact: Ray Burns - WA3DYP (703) 430-1302
- July 23 Richmond ARC (Richmond, VA) (ARRL VEC) Walk-in  
Contact: Ron Bolton (804) 798-5191
- July 31 BRATS HAMFEST (Howard County Fair Grounds) (Laurel VEC)  
Contact: Jim Kessler, KQ3S (301) 953-1065
- Aug. 6 University of Maryland ARC (College Park, MD) (W5YI VEC) Walk-in  
Contact: Scott Rosenfeld - NF3I (301) 963-4008
- Hampton Roads Radio Association (W5YI exam)  
Contact: Bill Runyon - N4BDH (804) 587-8611
- Seaford, Delaware (Laurel VEC) Walk-in  
Contact: Richard Osborne - KV3D (302) 629-0607
- Aug. 7 Shenandoah Valley ARC (Middletown, VA) (ARRL VEC) Limited Walk-in  
Contact: Walt Quitter - NC4B (703) 869-5241
- Aug. 13 Frederick ARC (Frederick, MD) (ARRL VEC) Limited Walk-in  
Contact: Rick Ogden (301) 845-2670
- Aug. 18 Baltimore ARC (Towson, MD) (Laurel VEC) Walk-in  
Contact: Ron Derencz (301) 765-2843

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## VOLUNTEER EXAMINER COOPERATIVE - Continued

- Sept 10 Peninsula Radio Operations Society (Salisbury, MD) (Laurel VEC)  
Pre-registration preferred  
Contact: John Luppert, K3NOQ (301) 749-7444
- Montgomery/Montgomery College/Rock Creek ARC (Germantown, MD)  
(ARRL VEC) Walk-in  
Contact: John Muller, W3QF (301) 654-0178
- Richmond ARC (Richmond, VA) (ARRL VEC) Walk-in  
Contact: Ron Bolton (804) 798-5191
- Sept 18 Baltimore Radio Amateur TV Society (Baltimore, MD) (Laurel VEC)  
Contact: Steve Silberman, K3RMX (301) 578-8527
- Oct. 20 Baltimore ARC (Towson, MD) (Laurel VEC) Walk-in  
Contact: Ron Derencz (301) 765-2843
- Nov. 5 Shenandoah Valley ARC (Middletown, VA) (ARRL VEC) Limited Walk-in  
Contact: Walt Quitter - NC4B (703) 869-5241
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# Training Classes

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This column lists all known Amateur Radio license courses in the greater Washington/Baltimore area and the name and phone number of contact persons at participating clubs. Please keep KI4MB advised of any changes so we can keep this list up-to-date

**Novice Classes**, Winchester, Virginia. Sponsored by Shenandoah Valley ARC. Starting August 29 and meeting every Monday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. through November 14 at SVARC Clubhouse, 2921 Grace Street, Winchester, VA 22601. For information contact Walt Quitter - NC4B at 367 Buckingham Drive, Stephens City, VA 22655. Phone (703) 869-5241 days.

**General/Technician** theory course, Sterling Park, VA. Sponsored by Sterling Park ARC. Classes start September 17 and meet each Thursday evening for 12 weeks- 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. For information, call Art Nevins - WA4NTP (703) 437-9382.

**Novice Classes**, Vienna, Virginia. Sponsored by Vienna Wireless Society. Starting in September. Classes will be held at the Vienna Town Community Center. More details will be reported in the August issue of Auto-Call. Contact: Dave Guffy (703) 385-6608.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Alexandria Radio Club - contact Harry Jones - N4CWP (703) 521-4624  
Anne Arundel - contact Tony Young - WA3YLO (301) 262-1917  
Baltimore ARC - contact Ralph Huber - KA3HAM (301) 321-5748  
Baltimore Radio Amateurs TV Society (BRATS) - Contact Bill Self (301) 669-0149  
Chaverim, Inc. - Contact Bob Teitel - W3IDT - (301) 654-3484  
Frederick ARC - contact Steve Bauman - W3FOA - (301) 662-4552  
Goddard ARC - contact Chris Spinolo - KA3RTC - (301) 776-5710  
Laurel ARC - contact Frank Treadwell - K3LDE (301) 498-2213  
MADRAS - contact Renee Culver - KC3NG (301) 949-9220  
Montgomery County Department of Recreation - (301) 468-4050  
Mount Vernon ARC - Contact John Forrest - WZ4A (703) 820-3044  
Rock Creek ARA - contact Walt Ramsey - AK3B (301) 949-3954  
Shenandoah Valley ARC - contact Walt Quitter - NC4B (703) 869-5241  
Southern Maryland ARC - Contact Bob Curran - KA3GCC (301) 627-3040  
Sterling Park - contact Art Nevins - WA4NTP (703) 437-9382  
Tri-County ARC - contact Al Sines - WA3QGA, P.O. Box 710, College Park 20740  
Vienna Wireless - contact Dave Guffy - NY4V (703) 385-6608  
Washington Adventists - contact Henry Miller - W3BWN (301) 474-7376  
Woodbridge Wireless - contact Tim Farrell - AF2T (703) 590-5226

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Local clubs are urged to list their training programs  
far enough in advance for effective publicity.

# Congratulations to:

Anne Arundel Radio Club for earning an All Time ARRL Field Day Record - regardless of class. The May/June issue of the National Contest Journal shows that AARC's '84 Field Day club score was 26,570, in the 5A battery class. They were running 5 watts and used 49 operators. The nearest competition was from Chekaw ARS, in 3A battery class, with a score of 18,610.

(AARC "Ham Arundel News" 6/88)

Anne Arundel Radio Club on winning first place, single Op, in the ARRL 1988 January VHF Sweepstakes.

(AARC "Ham Arundel News" 6/88)

Geri Sweeney - N4GHI on being elected to the A-1 Operator Club. This honor was earned through her continuous observance of the very highest of operating standards. Membership in this elite group attests to superior competence and performance in the many facets of Amateur Radio operation: CW, phone, procedures, copying ability, judgment and courtesy. Geri is Net Manager of the Atlantic Region Net and new member of the ARRL National Emergency Response Committee(ARRL Field Forum 4/88)

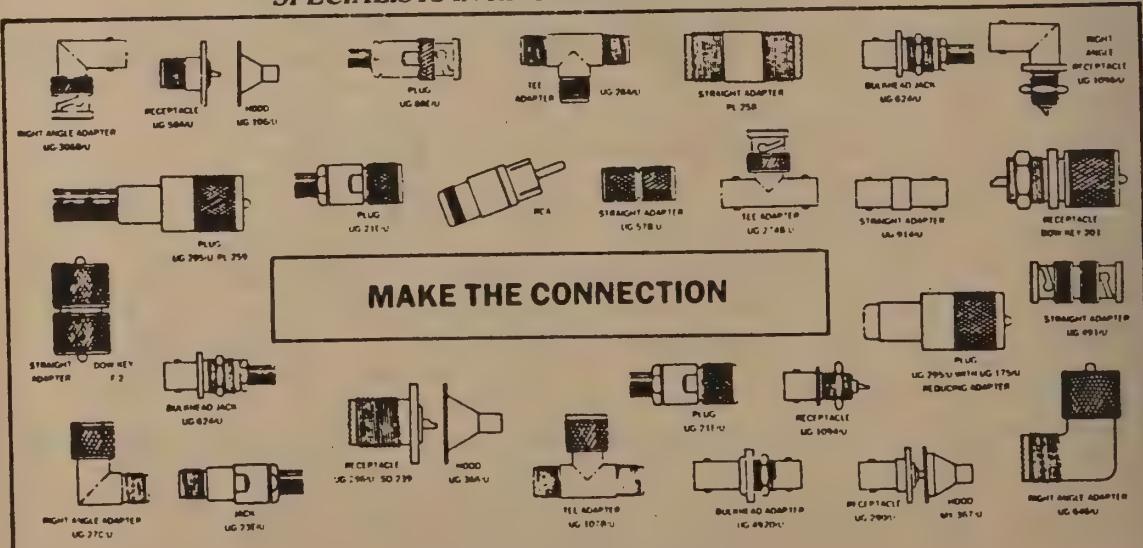
Jack Kelleher - W4ZC on receiving the IEEE Professional Achievment Award plaque for 1987.

Lawrence R. Krevor who has been appointed Assistant to the Chief of the Private Radio Bureau of the FCC. Krevor was previously Senior Attorney-Advisor in the Legal Branch, Tariff Division, Common Carrier Bureau and has been with the FCC since 1983.

(ARRL Letter 5/23/88)

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# Priorities

GUEST EDITORIAL  
By Chuck Hite - W3SOG

There was a time when Amateur Radio clubs were fun. Groups met socially to brag about contact made, exchanged experiences on the air, discussed technical problems, organized "work parties" to erect and replace antennas and towers or to assist families in disposing of radio equipment left by Silent Keys. We also installed complete stations for handicapped or incapacitated hams. At club meetings we socialized, participated in hunting hidden transmitters, had picnics, planned for and had a ball in Field Day activities, helped each other solve sticky rig problems, argued over points and cheated while pitching horse shoes, worked on construction of club electronic gadgets, helped teach youngsters and other code and theory, helped them build or collect and set up their first ham stations, solved some TVI complaints, shared donuts, coffee, sandwiches and cider. All of these things promoted the welfare, warm feeling of comradery and the growth of Amateur Radio. That era resulted in building a large pool of prepared citizens who served their country well in war and who have continued to serve well whenever and wherever needed in peacetime civil emergencies and civic affairs.

Things aren't the same today. Haven't we wandered into some areas from which we may want to extricate ourselves?

Today we are involved in activities that, by no stretch of the imagination, can be called Amateur Radio. Drills to increase proficiency are admirable and necessary, but our "drills" today often consist of furnishing non-ham organizations with free communications for their fund raising events. These are not very helpful in preparing us for handling formal messages of the type used in emergency traffic.

Hamfests have now become major fund raising affairs - highly organized and time consuming. Every year we meet

with rapidly increasing costs for site rental, public utilities and other necessary expenses, with consequently shrinking bottom line figures resulting. Are our Hamfests becoming more profitable to others than to us? The shrinking net returns go to charitable causes.

Planning and producing a successful Hamfest takes a major part of the time any of us can afford to assign to ham radio. The load falls on the few in any club who are willing to accept responsibility for its success. Hamfests can easily become a burden and a detriment to Amateur Radio clubs. They really do not benefit Amateur Radio to a degree commensurate with the energy they extract.

Swapfests are fun, but today's Hamfests must get bigger every year to remain profitable. Some clubs have found it necessary to raise ticket prices to a point where it becomes a valid question of whether it is more satisfying to attend or go somewhere else with the family for a Sunday outing. In an effort to attract more patrons, clubs now cater heavily to computer interested people. Though computers are used in our hobby, there is no reason for us to allow Amateur Radio Hamfests to be inundated or overshadowed by computers. Some hamfests even include Arts and Crafts and miscellaneous hucksters of items totally foreign to AMATEUR RADIO.

Each year hamfests absorb a great percentage of one of our most precious resources, our spare time. This asset we all have to ration carefully to live normal balanced lives. Because of our benevolent contribution to fund raising affairs, we have reached a point where we sometimes can't generate the interest needed to mount a good Field Day outing. Field Day is a grand opportunity to enthuse and train young operators and to socialize

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## GUEST EDITORIAL - Continued

and also operate our own stations for pleasure.

What kind of Amateur Radio hobby is this? The stated purpose in most Amateur Radio club constitutions is "...to promote Amateur Radio." Shouldn't we take a critical look at the predica-

ment in which we have put ourselves and our hobby and carefully reconsider our priorities?

As a young father said, when his wife handed him his infant son, "I think it's time for a change!"

Chuck Hite - W3SOG

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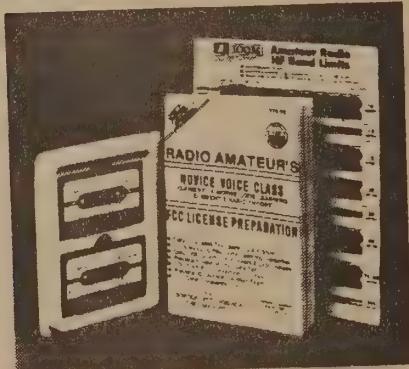
The above is a Guest Editorial. Any responses should be sent to W3SOG. Auto-Call will be receptive to comments.

## AUTO-CALL WELCOMES GUEST EDITORIALS.

Do you have an editorial you would like to have published in Auto-Call? Let us hear from you. The Foundation does reserve the right to edit or refuse any material the Executive Committee considers inappropriate, but will check with the writer before any substantive change are made. Try to keep editorials to a page or less.

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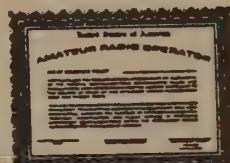


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# Silent Keys

Tommy Noeman - KA3MKC

Our friend and fellow ham, Tommy Noeman - KA3MKC, died May 28 of complications from cancer. He was a member of both the Metrovision ATV Club and the Metropolitan Communications Network Radio Club. Tommy had participated in several community related activities in the few years that he was a ham. He once owned and operated an audio and TV repair business in Oxon Hill, Maryland. At the time of his death, he, along with his friend Tony, operated an automotive sound system installation business. Those of us who had the pleasure of knowing Tommy will miss him very much.

(Submitted by Dick Logan - WB3EPX and Bob Sporn, WA3GGO)

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## SPEAKERS BUREAU

Herb Ley, N3CDR

The FAR Speakers Bureau is distributing a listing of eighteen speakers who have indicated their availability for presenting programs at local clubs.

This is the first edition of the Speakers Bureau listing and additional speakers and programs are solicited. It is planned to update the list on a periodic basis and, if the demand arises, it may be provided on magnetic disk format for the Commodore C64 computer.

If you have a special interest or topic that you think would be of interest to clubs, fill out the questionnaire below and offer your services to the FAR Speakers Bureau. This listing of available programs can be of considerable value to program chairmen.

Mail the slip to Herb Ley - N3CDR, P.O. Box 2047, Rockville, MD 20853.

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### FAR SPEAKERS' BUREAU QUESTIONNAIRE (Please Print or Type)

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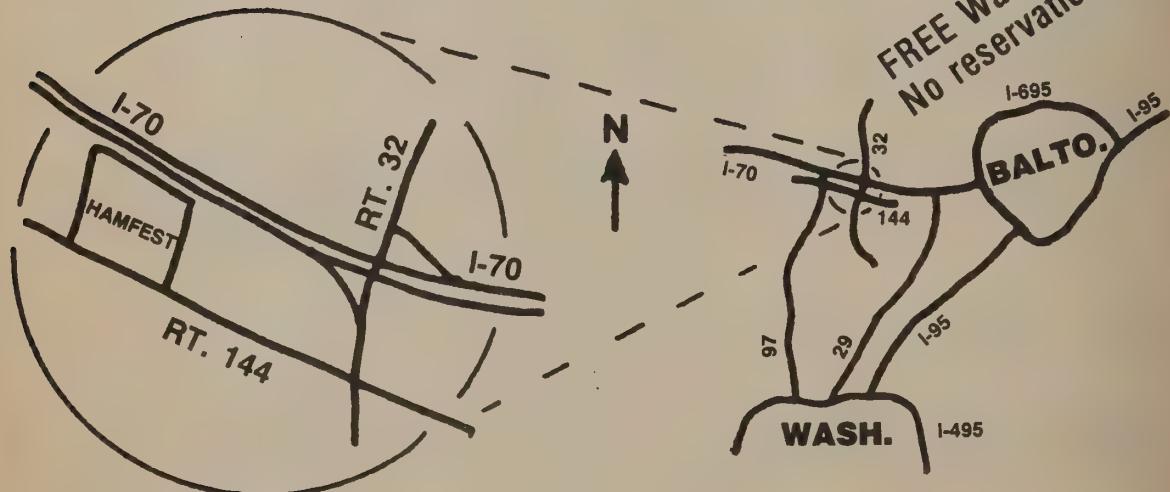
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# Coming Events

FIELD DAY  
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During the last week of June the Shenandoah Valley ARC will be holding a special event in celebration of the Bicentennial of Virginia's signing of the U.S. Constitution. The club will be using the call sign W200RKC instead of W4RKC.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION  
July 2-3

West Virginia State Convention Jacksons Mill, West Virginia. The specialty of this traditional affair is homecooked communal dining, dormitory lodging, pizza party, flea market, equipment displays, forums and the most hospitable folks you ever met. For information contact: West Virginia Radio Council  
Dick Fowler - N8FMD, Rt 3, Box 52  
Clarksburg, WV 26301

LAKE CANTON, OKLAHOMA FIELD DAY EXERCISE  
July 9-10

Lake Canton, Oklahoma Field Day exercise held in conjunction with the annual IARU "Radiosport" DX Contest. Commemorative certificate. Grid Square EM-06 contact. Listen for WD5HPU, WA5LTM and other official stations. For information contact Tim Mauldin, WA5LTM Lake Canton Field Day; P.O. Box 19097, Oklahoma City, OK

MARYLAND HAMFEST & Computerfest  
Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society  
July 31

Howard County Fairgrounds, 15 miles west of Baltimore.  
For information, write BRATS, PO Box 5915, Baltimore MD 21208  
See flyer on page 28

SHENANDOAH VALLEY HAMFEST - Berryville, VA  
August 7

38th Annual Winchester Hamfest  
Clarke County Ruritan Fairground  
Berryville, Virginia  
See flyer on page 20

GAITHERSBURG HAMFEST

Sept. 11

Sponsored by Foundation for Amateur Radio  
Montgomery County Fairgrounds  
See flyer page 19

# Roanoke Division LPM '88

John Kanode - N4MM  
Roanoke Division Vice Director

The 1988 Roanoke Division League Planning Meeting was held in Charlotte, NC on May 14-15 and was hosted by the Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society.

In attendance were the four Section Managers, Appointees, Assistant Directors, club representatives, interested Amateurs, an ARRL Headquarters staff representative and the Division Director and Vice Director.

The meeting was opened by Bob Darke - W4MHF, LPM-88 Chairman; followed by Wilton McAllister - WB4PCS, Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society President. After the introductions were made, Division Vice Director John Kanode - N4MM covered the purposes of the LPM and Director Gay Milius - W4UG gave an informative "State of the Division" presentation. Section Managers and their appointees then gave presentations on activities within their sections. Items such as emergency preparedness, traffic, public information on Amateur Radio, affiliated clubs, packet, NTS and ARES/RACES were presented and discussed. QSL Bureau Manager Roger Burt - N4ZC gave an excellent status report on the two ARRL outgoing QSL bureaus and covered information on how to properly use the bureau.

An FCC update was given by John Kanode - N4MM. Recent developments on PRB-3, 87-14 (220 MHz issue) and the proposed rewrite of the Amateur rules were covered and discussed. Other FCC related subjects were also mentioned.

One of the highlights of the LPM was a session conducted by Rosalie White-WA1STO from ARRL Headquarters. She did a superb job of covering many aspects of activities and actions that take place at our Headquarters in Newington, CT. An open Question and Answer session followed her formal remarks and many subjects were discussed.

The final activity for the Saturday meeting was a barbecue cookout at the hotel pool patio area. The food was plentiful and very good and everyone had an opportunity to meet and chat with each other. It was a fine social event with nice weather, to boot.

The meeting continued Sunday morning with Bob Darke starting with some important information. We were glad to have Honorary Vice President Phil Wicker - W4ACY and his wife, Alice - WA4ZMA, with us for this part of the meeting. Follow-up on Section Manager reports were given and some appointees completed their reports.

Reports and activities of the five ARRL board advisory committees were reviewed by John Kanode - N4MM. The biggest activity being that of the DXAC with the creation of new single band DXCC awards and other changes to the DX program.

The final session at the LPM was the open forum and resolutions. Sixteen resolutions were presented and approved for possible mention at the July ARRL Board meeting or for ARRL Headquarters staff action or for the Roanoke Division Director's action. Final remarks were made by Rosalie, Gay and John.

Many thanks to all those who participated. And special thanks to the Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society and its members for hosting the 1988 LPM. It was well planned and the facilities were perfect. A job well done!

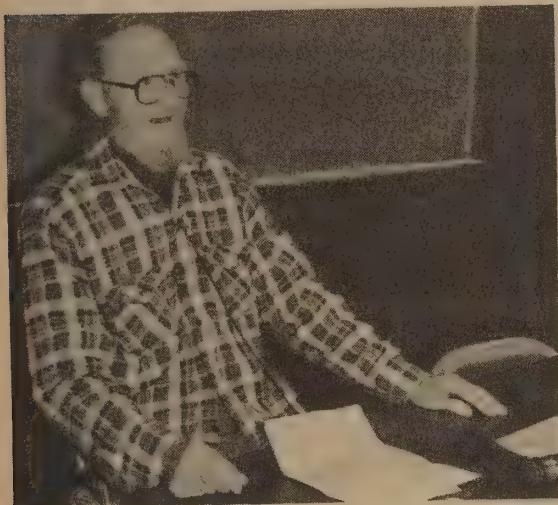
During the afternoon break, Charlie Wright - W4PED took the traditional LPM group photos. Many thanks to Charlie for doing this nice service for many years..

If any affiliated club in the Roanoke Division would like to host the 1989 LPM, please contact Gay or John.

# Recognitions

## A 90th Birthday Tribute to W3CU

Our old friend Royal Mumford- W3CU first saw the light of day in West Jordan, Utah, on May 23, 1898. Now we join him in celebrating his 90th birthday!



Royal comes from real pioneer stock. His family traveled the old Oregon Trail by covered wagon and settled in the Oregon Territory. By tradition, they were teachers. Their labors helped to civilize the western frontier.

Royal and his brothers, Harold and Bill, became interested in that new-fangled "wireless" technique as early as 1912. By 1916, Royal had built a 500 watt spark rig that was reaching out into California, and it was decided (for him) that it was time to get a license. However, love's labor was soon interrupted by World War I and the rotary spark went into mothballs.

Having signed up in the U.S. Navy, he was graduated from a training school at Mare Island and shipped out on his first

voyage to South America, by way of the Panama Canal, with a powerful shipboard spark rig. Among his other voyages, Royal made three round trips across the Atlantic to France, prior to war's end and his discharge from the Navy in 1919.

After WW-I, our friend finished school and became a full-fledged school teacher (which was his primary pursuit for the next 14 years), while also getting back on the air so he could keep in touch with his two brothers who were also dedicated Radio Amateurs.

Once again the clouds of war intervened. Royal Mumford put on a Navy uniform and found himself in the Harvard/MIT Radar Engineering School. Upon graduation, the displaced school teacher was sent to Mare Island (you guessed it -- to teach radar to the fleet). He did the job so well that he received orders to Annapolis -- somebody had to try to teach radio and radar to the Midshipmen of the U.S. Naval Academy. Now you know how our hero came to Maryland!

Royal retired from the Navy in 1950 and went to work for Westinghouse. He was a "Circle-W" man for ten years, retiring in 1960. He now had more time for his two life-long hobbies - Amateur Radio and bee keeping. Now 28 years after his Westinghouse retirement, Royal Mumford is still active in Amateur Radio, is regarded as one of the local experts in bee keeping and, best of all, he is our friend, neighbor and colleague in the Anne Arundel Radio Club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROYAL MUMFORD !!!

(George Boring - W3KS)

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In March of last year, Royal held Anne Arundel Club members spell-bound during an informal discussion of the early days in HAM radio. He related some of the exciting experiences he and his two brothers had with their early equipment.

(Anne Arundel "Ham Arundel News"

# Recognitions

Elizabeth Zandonini - W3CDQ

One of the best known and best loved YL in Amateur Radio is "Liz" Zandonini-W3CDQ.



Liz has been operating consistently, and almost every day, for the past 66 years!

Early in World War I, Liz took a National Radio course, hoping to become a ship operator and do her part in the war effort. She got her commercial license in 1917 but never got to sea. Instead, she found herself teaching code to hospitalized veterans at Fort Meade and Fort McHenry.

In 1921 she went to work as a Radio Aide at the National Bureau of Standards and began a long and colorful career. She worked in the Central Radio Propagation Laboratory (CRPL) and WWV until they moved to Boulder, Colorado. She then transferred to the Bureau's Radioactivity Section. She retired from the Bureau in June 1965 - after 44 years of service.

In 1922 she decided to get an Amateur Radio license. That was the beginning of her real career - Ham Radio.

Now approaching her 90th birthday, Liz looks back over her 66 years of hamming with many fond memories. She has made thousands of friends through her operating activities and personal contacts and a good deal of traveling throughout the U.S. and Europe. She has entertained innumerable Hams in her home, particularly foreign Amateurs, and maintains a constant flow of "pen pal" correspondence to all corners of the globe. She has been too busy enjoying all of her activities to ever consider marriage.

W3CDQ is strictly a cw operator - and on a straight key! She was active in the "Governors to President's Relay" that was sponsored by the ARRL for many years and has pictures showing her with the groups making presentation of the messages to President Roosevelt and President Truman at the White House.

She has been active in the Foundation since it began in 1957. She is a Life Member of ARRL and has been an Assistant Director since 1948. She is a past president of the YLRL, active in QCWA, OOTC, AWA, Rock Creek Amateur Radio Assn., WAYLARC, etc., etc. etc.

Liz was operated on for breast cancer about a year ago and her greatest concern, as soon as she came out of the anesthetic, was whether she would have any trouble with her keying "fist." She worked diligently to strengthen the muscles and was back on the air within days after she returned home from the hospital.

She has had some complications recently and (at the time of this writing) is in Sibley hospital undergoing radiation treatments. Her host of friends and admirers are praying that she will be back on the air soon - and for many years to come. Drop her a QSL. She will appreciate it.

(Submitted by K4LMB)



# National Capital DX Assn.

Information: Craig Stevens - KZ3H, 4409 Clifton Spring Court, Olney, MD 20744-3410

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## NATIONAL CAPITOL DX ASSOCIATION PRESENTS SUPER GOLDEN JUBILEE AWARDS

The National Capital DX Association has proudly awarded the club's SUPER GOLDEN JUBILEE achievement plaques to 20 members of the club for making 2-way Amateur Radio contacts with 200 or more countries during 1987.

Winners are shown in the photo below. The listing is in order of score rather than order of appearance and the number in parenthesis shows the number of countries each one worked. Collectively, they worked 4,483 countries!



K6IR (268), N3II (254), WC4B (250), N4MM (250), N3EHD (233), W3UJ (230), WA3DVO (227), KC3EK (223), WØYVA (223), K3SKE (222), N3US (221), KK4HD (219), N4RA (218), N3FBN (217), W2GHK (207), KZ3H (207), W3YY (206), N3TO (205), G4MZP (203), W3NF (216).

The NCDXA Jubilee program is an extension of the very popular American Radio Relay League program commemorating the 50th anniversary of the League's "Century DX Club," introduced in September 1937. The ARRL awarded a certificate to each Amateur Radio operator who attested that he had made 2-way radio communication with stations in 100 or more countries in 1987.

The National Capitol DX Association was organized in 1972 to further the exchange of DX information, promote Amateur Radio, DX knowledge, fraternalism and individual radio operating efficiency. The club has over 75 members in the greater Washington DC area, including Maryland and Virginia. For further information, contact:

Kenneth M. Miller - K6IR, President

J. Craig Stevens - KZ3H, Secretary

# Metrovision Amateur TV Club

FAST SCAN - COLOR - ATV

Meetings:	Quarterly: Call for next meeting time and place.
Repeater:	WA9GVK/4 (Video and Audio) 439.25 MHz in; 426.25 MHz out
On-the-air:	Also accessible on 144.970, simplex, audio.
	Sundays at 8:00 p.m.
Mailing:	Metrovision, Inc., P.O. Box 8231, Falls Church, VA 22041
Information:	Warren - N4MWU (703) 573-9619 Dick - WB3EPX (301) 439-8135

We would like to announce that the 900 MHz ATV transmitter has been finished and checked out. The power output will be from 1/2 to 1 watt and will operate at a frequency of 923.250 MHz. Our new power amplifier, which is in the capable hands of Ed - W3EKT, is nearing completion and should be on the air soon.

ATV propagation has been pretty good lately, especially during the period from May 10 to the 15th, during early morning and evenings. Ken - W3DFS was able to work the Philadelphia repeater, W3PHL (whose power output is only about 2 watts) receiving P2 quality pictures in return.

The intermittent interference that the repeater has been experiencing lately is caused by new packet radio stations that are operating near the ATV repeater's transmit frequency. The interference is most noticeable in the form of a whiting-

out of the picture. We are contemplating what to do about this problem.

Metrovision has plans for a fifteenth anniversary party at our September meeting. Details as to the day, time and place will be announced later.

We are saddened to have to report that Tommy Noeman - KA3MKC passed away at the Washington Hospital Center on May 28 after a long illness. Most of us will remember Tommy for his help with various technical problems, and as just being a good friend. He was a past president of Metrovision and appeared as net control for our Sunday night ATV net. We will miss him very much.

See you on ATV.

Dick - WB3EPX

## EASY TORNADO WARNING SYSTEM

An easy warning system for detecting an approaching tornado can be found in your TV set, according to an article appearing in the Rochester, NY "RaRa Rag." Tune the TV to channel 13. Turn the volume down, and turn the brightness control down until the screen is almost black. Now switch over to Channel 2 and leave the volume turned down. Lightning will produce momentary light bands of varying width and color across the screen. A tornado that is within 15 or 20 miles will fill the screen with a single color. Should this occur, switch off the TV, take a portable radio and immediately seek shelter.

The article goes on to explain that lightning and tornados generate a signal around 55 MHz (frequency of channel 2) and these storm signals will override the brightness control. Channel 13 is at the high end of the VHF band and is, therefore, not affected. Set the brightness for Channel 13 and then watch the storm signals appear when you watch Channel 2.

Tornados are not prevalent in this area but it is a tip worth remembering.

# Maryland Mobileers Amateur Radio Club

Address: P.O. Box 784, Severna Park, MD 21146  
Meetings: First Friday of each month at 1930 hours. C.I.D. Building at Crownsville State Hospital, Route 178 and Crownsville Road



Club Repeater: 146.805 MHz

Traffic & Information Nets: Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m. on 146.805 MHz

For Information: Nancy Alley - N3FHB

The Maryland Mobileers Amateur Radio Club (MMARC) operated a special event station on Saturday, May 21st in commemoration of Armed Forces Day. The Special Event Station was operated on board the U.S.S. Torsk submarine, docked in Baltimore harbor. The HF rig was set up in the radio room of the submarine and the VHF rig was set up in the galley. A 4 BTV vertical ground mounting antenna was mounted on the top of the sail.

Guard) and Glenn Durbin - N3EYU (ex-Army). Other operators included Dean - N3CAC, Nancy - N3FHB, and Jason - KA3SIQ. Visitors toured the submarine throughout the day. QSL cards received as a result of last year's Torsk operation were displayed.



A total of 314 contacts from 37 states were made: 206 on HF and 108 on VHF. Eight Amateurs operated from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The operators included Jerry - K2ILQ (retired Navy), Bob - W3GOU (retired Air Force), John - KO4A (retired Marines) Fred - KC3F (active duty Coast

The Maryland Mobileers Amateur Radio Club provided communications for the Walk-for-Heart, held in Annapolis on Saturday, May 8th, between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Dean - N3CAC and Nancy - N3FHB provided net control. Other MMARC members assisted the Boy Scouts by providing communications at the First Aid stations along the route. Included were Bill - WA3SCW, Glenn - N3EYU, Jerry - K2ILQ, John - KO4A and Ron - KC3YY.  
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# Metropolitan Communications Network Radio Club

Meetings: Quarterly, on the second Sunday of the month.  
W.A.T.A.'s Community Meeting Room, 4729 14th Street N.W.  
(at Decatur Street), Washington, DC - unless otherwise announced.

Repeater: WB3DBU/R, 52.250 MHz in; 53.250 MHz out. Accessible on 144.950  
MHz in the simplex mode.

On-the-air: Saturdays at 1900 hours.

Mailing: c/o Bob Sporn - WA3GGO, 9927 Cottrell Tr, Silver Spring, MD 20903-

Information: Bob Sporn - WA3GGO (301) 434-1719

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It is with deep regret that we have to announce the passing of Tommy J. Noeman - KA3MKC, who died of cancer May 28th. An active member of our club, Tommy will be missed.

Fate has not treated us too kindly of late. Our Repeater was struck by lightning. Repairs are in progress. We do continue to maintain our nets in spite of all this.

On May 14, Metropolitan Communications Network Radio Club member Robert Milligan - KI4MB and his wife, Mary Milligan - KAIKWP and Randy Moler-KA4UFF assisted in the International Aerobatics Club Chapter 11 of Washington, DC with their East Coast Regional Aerobatics Championship meet. The meet was held at the Winchester - Fauquier County Airport. The day proved to be a busy one with seventeen participants flying their Pitt Special biplane, antique and classic, mid-wing monoplane, or

amateur built plane through maneuvers three different times.

## THE SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE NET (6 METER AM) ON 50.4 MHZ AT 0900.

Recently, Richard Weaver, Jr. - KA3BTD worked the Truck Islands in the Caribbean, on six meters sideband. The six meter band was open the last week in May.

MARYLAND FREE STATE SIX METER SIDEBOARD NET: SUNDAYS AT 1900 HOURS ON 50.125 MHZ. Rick Weaver, Jr. - KA3BTD at last received QSL cards from Lima, Peru and Buenos Aires, Argentina; stations he worked in 1987. Rick also received a QSL card from his nephew, Paul - KA3RXW. The South American stations were worked on ten meters. Bernhard (Bernie) E. Keiser-WD4O, from Vienna, Virginia, has joined our nets.

Bob - WA3GGO

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## MARYLAND MOBILEERS - Continued

The MMARC provided communications for the Glen Burnie Bicentennial Parade on Sunday, May 29th between Noon and 4:30 p.m. in Glen Burnie. Volunteers were positioned at the Harundale Mall, Corkran Junior High School, at the reviewing stand, and along the parade route. Volunteers included Jerry - K2ILQ, Glenn - N3EYU, Ken - W3VVN, Bob - W3GOU, Mel - N3EKZ. Assistance was provided by Dick - N3FKV and his son, John - KA3SRN.

Art - W4PON operates a simplex net from Grasonville, MD on 147.495 at 2000 hours on Wednesdays. Ron - KC3Y operates a 2 meter sideband net on 144.215 each Tuesday at 2000 hours from Glen Burnie, MD. Both are members of the Maryland Mobileers. Anyone is invited to check in to either of these nets.

Nancy - N3FHB  
Secretary

# Anne Arundel Radio Club



Meetings:	1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Davidsonville Family Recreation Center, Queen Anne Bridge & wayson Roads off MD Rt. 214 near Annapolis.
On-the-air:	Thursdays, 2030 Local time when there is no club meeting, on 147.705/105. Tuesdays at 2030 Local time (2100 DST) on 28.710. The Chesapeake Bay Weather & Traffic Net on 147.705/105 at 1100 and 1500 every weekend day and public holiday from April 1 to November 15. Maryland Slow Net (MSN) every evening at 1930 on 3.7170 MHz W3VPR Packet Bulletin Board on 145.09 MHz Novice Packet Bulletin Board on 223.40 MHz
Address:	P.O. Box 308, Davidsonville, MD 21035
Information:	Margaret (Holly) Bevan (301) 923-0229

In order for members to enjoy the use of the club HF station, the clubhouse is now being opened on those Thursday nights when the club does not meet. Several who do not have HF equipment at home have happily taken advantage of the opportunity. Some of the new Novices have visited to observe. The practice will continue so long as there is interest shown.

At the May 19th club meeting, Member Royal Mumford - W3CU, who celebrated his 90th birthday on May 23rd, was honored with a tribute written and presented by George Boring - W3KS. Royal has been playing with Amateur Radio for about seventy-five years. (See the story on page 27 of this issue of Auto-Call.)

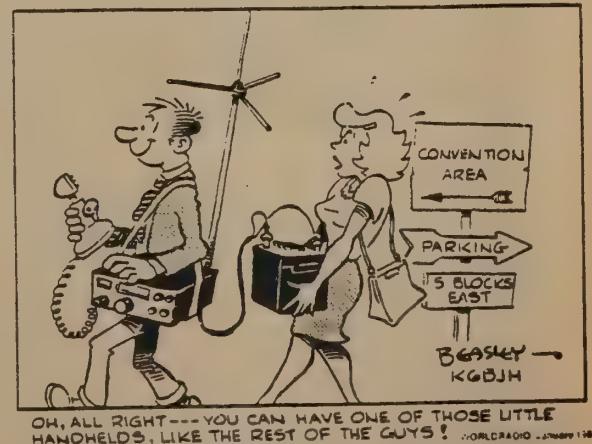
AARC has started a Tube Bank. Over 400 have been inventoried and tubes are continuing to come in to be included. If you need a specific tube to make or repair a piece of equipment, or for use in a project, contact Club Secretary Dick Campbell - N3FKV at 757-9010 to see if it is available. Anyone desiring a list of available tubes, send SASE (with 2 units of postage) to AARC Tube Bank, P.O. Box 308, Crownsville, MD 21035.

The W3VPR Packet Bulletin Board now answers connect requests on 223.40 (Novice 220 sub-band) as well as on 145.09. Any new hams are invited to join in the fun of packet.

And speaking of packets: In early May the Naval Academy Radio Club installed a packet radio TNC and connected it to the Academy terminal network. Club members are able to access the TNC from any computer terminal on campus. The TNC, operates under the club call of W3ADO. However, it has been given the alternate call sign WB4APR-5 so that it can be used by local Annapolitans as a digipeater, on 145.05 MHz. The TNC was installed by Bob - WB4APR, Frank - WD6DUQ and Tom - KF4SJ.

Andy Phillips - N3GEF, Preston Fitzberger - N3GEI, Jim Darlack - N3GEU and Oscar Ramsey - KA3QKB have all upgraded to Tech. Ray Anderson - KA3SYY is now General and Bill Howard - KILNJ made to Extra. Congrats!

Holly - N3BMB



# Southern Maryland Amateur Radio Club

Meetings:	2nd Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m. Church of the Nativity, Manchester Drive, Camp Springs, Maryland. (Right at first light on Route 5 South of Beltway and immediately left into mid-block driveway).
Repeater:	W3PT/R 147.15/147.75
Nets:	Informal - Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., W3PT/R Informal - Thursdays, 8:00 p.m., 28.447
Information:	P.O. Box 273, Cheltenham, MD 20623

Our latest novice training class has yielded five new novice members to our club and a couple have already upgraded to Tech. Sam - KA3TAW was one of those who upgraded but due to an administrative snafu he is still awaiting his new call sign. This, in turn, has kept him from ordering his new QSL cards. Patience, Sam.

Joey - N3EQL has kept many of our members busy with public service projects, including the Boy Scout Expo, the Luthern Missionary Walk-a-thon and the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon.

Field Day activities are taking shape and, by the time you read this, everyone will still be talking about the wonderful time they had camping and the fine array of food that Kelly - KA3MVU arranged for the occasion.

Concerns have been expressed about the age and state of our repeater so, in planning for the future, Bernie - KA3DNW has been appointed chairman of a committee to raise funds for its eventual replacement. More will be heard from Bernie in the coming months but he has already received a couple of \$100 contributions. Our thanks to these donors.

There can be no question that conditions on the 10 meter band are improving. In fact, Jim - N3AST has had difficulty

closing the Thursday night net. Every time he tried to close the net, additional check-ins kept calling in. One was from Kansas City, Mo., another from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and the most distant was from Australia. Better luck next time, Jim.

The Saturday morning breakfasts are going on regularly at 8:00 a.m. each week and we invite all to come and join us. We usually meet at Tucker's Restaurant, but changes sometime occur. It's advisable to check into the nets to make sure there is no change in place.

We're glad to see Gould - KA3DUE recovering from his recent stay in the hospital. We all hope for your continued recovery, Gould.

One of the things that accompanies our warmer weather is these troublesome thunderstorms. During May, the National Weather Service called up our SKYWARN Net Control operator on four occasions to assist them during severe thunderstorm watches. As of this writing (June 1) I received a call advising that the Weather Service was activating the SKYWARN watch for this evening. Joey - N3EQL and the group appear to be getting a real workout this year. \*

Bill - N3FHV

## SOLAR CYCLE PEAK

The peak of the next solar cycle may occur as early as late 1988, and may possibly be the most intense cycle ever measured. Earlier predictions suggested that the peak would not be reached until 1992.

(ARRL Letter 5/23/88)

# Rock Creek Amateur Radio Assn.

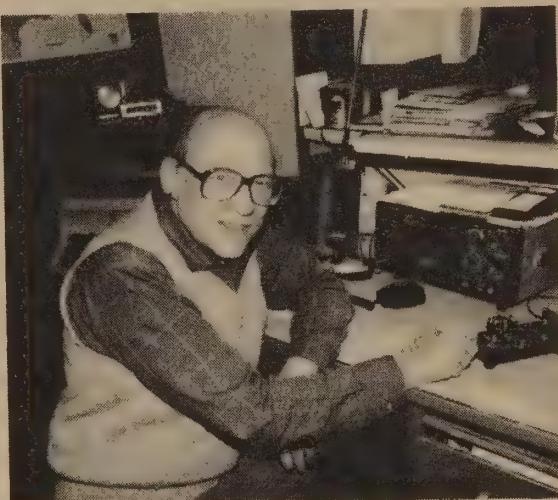


Two Meter Net: FM 144.65/145.25 Mondays 8:00 p.m.  
RCARA Alumni Net: 7.23 MHz, Mondays 11:00 a.m.  
RCARA LUNCHEON: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m., Anchor Inn, Wheaton, MD  
Meetings: 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month  
at Vitro Laboratories.  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1913, Silver Spring, MD 20902

In case this issue of Auto-Call is delivered before Field Day, remember RCARA will be operating at the Izaak Walton League Park, off Snouffer School Road. Any Amateurs desiring to operate on Field Day, and who does not have a group to operate with, are cordially invited to join with us under the call sign W3RCN. Regardless of class of ticket, all frequencies available to Advanced Class license will be yours to use. Contact me at 949-3954 if interested.

The Rock Creek Luncheon Group meets weekly at 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays at the Anchor Inn in Wheaton. Hams and their XYLs are welcome. This is a golden opportunity to get together, meet old acquaintances, rag chew about the good old days, and enjoy a good lunch.

Mike Kahn - KA3GSV, Advanced license ham, has been RCARA's Club Secretary for the past three years. He keeps the records of the club's activities, mails out the monthly Rock Creek Ripples (no small job) and is active on the club's nets. He must be doing something right because he gets reelected every year.



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George Daly - W3WU, up from Florida, joined us on the 2nd of June. He met a number of his friends and brought us up to date on some of the hams who have moved from this area to Florida.

Bob McCormick - K4FRX, of Columbia, SC, is Net Control for the RCARA Alumni Net. Bob has celebrated his 79th birthday. We wished him Happy Birthday on the net. This note is to let his friends in the area know Bob is going full steam ahead (well maybe not quite full steam). May you celebrate many more, Bob.

Walt - AK3B

# Woodbridge Wireless, Inc.

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m.  
Springwood Community Center, Corner of Springwood Drive and  
Chauncer Court, just West of Woodbridge Airport.  
Repeater: WB4FQR/R 147.84/24 and 449.9/444.9]  
Nets: Mondays, 8:00 p.m. local (0100 UTC) 147.84/24  
Wednesdays, Slow CW at 8:00 p.m., 21.164 MHz  
Saturdays at 9:00 p.m. - in new 10 Meter Novice band  
28.460 MHz SSB

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 112, Woodbridge, VA 22194

Field day is over now and everyone is counting up their score. This year the WWI field day activities were located at the old Woodbridge airport. No problem with room...But did you ever see a lot of tall trees around an airport? WWI band captains rose to the challenge with push-up masts, temporary towers and all sorts of sky hooks.

This year all local hams received a personal invitation to the WWI June meeting and to Field Day. John - WB4GJZ obtained the mailing list, compliments of EGE, and paid the postage. The folks at Virginia Micro Systems supplied the flyer. Both organizations are active supporters of Amateur Radio activity in Northern Virginia.

Speaking of the WWI meetings, the emphasis is on the program and having a good "eyeball QSO" while doing only the necessary business. In May, Steve - NM7J showed a videotape of a DXpedition to Liechtenstein, an annual event of the Weisbaden ARC Steve was a member of while stationed in Germany. The scenery was gorgeous, the scenario familiar. It's sort of like Field Day with mountains and edelweiss. Can you yodel in CW?

The June meeting always features Field Day. This June the club was treated to a videotape of the 1987 WWI Field Day edited by John - K4EBS. Do we really look like that?

Mr. Arlan Van Dorn, the Deputy Chief of the Field Operations Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, is scheduled for the August meeting. With the recent

FCC move to revise the Amateur Radio part of the FCC regulations, it should prove interesting and informative.

As mentioned in last month's article, WWI said goodby to Rick Norton - KZ2E and his XYL, Marlis - N4MZJ and their daughter. They left the carpool for a bigger lake in Missouri. 73 and good DX!

Congratulations to John - N4LJS who became the newest member of WWI to get his DXCC. John did it all on CW taking two years, three radios and two antennas before it was over. Of course it's not over. John remains an avid DXer.

One recurring July club activity is the Dale City 4th of July parade. In past years the WWI provided communications. Lately, the service has been expanded to include amateur television. Volunteers are welcome.

The WWI is an ARRL Special Service Club and as such, now has a contact for verifying ARRL awards (except DXCC, of course). He is Denis - WD4KXB. Catch him on the repeater.

In closing, you're invited to check into the Saturday night 10 Meter sideband net. It's on 28.460 (in the Novice/Tech sub-band) at 9 PM local. It's an open net so give a shout and shake up the spiders in Jack - WD4KOF's rig...he's the net control.

Jim - WJ4M



A Diamond is a Ham's Best Friend!

# Frederick Amateur Radio Club

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. at Frederick County Communications Center  
Montevue Lane, Frederick, Maryland  
Information: Tony Curtis - K3RXK, 9408 Erin Ave., Walkersville, MD 21793  
(301) 845-8856

Hugh Turnbull - W3ABC, ARRL Atlantic Division Director, was the featured speaker at our May club meeting. His report on ARRL activities was appreciated by all present. Such appearances make the ARRL seem a little more real. They afford Amateurs the opportunity to ask questions and get answers about what the League does in our behalf and what plans are being made for the future of Ham radio.

June is always a crowded month for many members of our club. With our annual Fathers' Day Fredfest and Field Day only a week apart, all willing hands are busy!

Preparation for the 'Fest this year are under direction of Ernie Hansen - W3VVV. He has to be "on the ball." Things happen that require making decisions unexpectedly and finding alternatives in a hurry. We recently discovered the second building we filled last year has been demolished by the Fair board for economic reasons. Ernie quickly reserved other space to replace it, so we are prepared.

Our talk-in station, to be manned by Harvey Starkey - K3IAG, will operate on 146.52 simplex, under the club call, K3ERM.

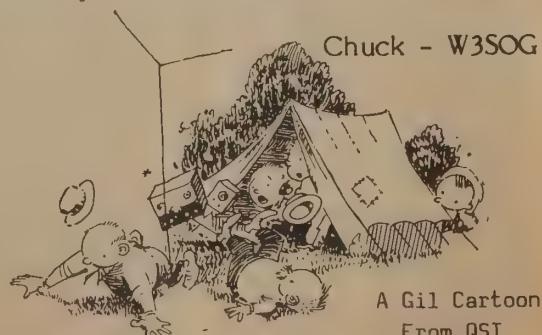
When we learned that our simplex antenna had been claimed by another group using the Frederick Fairgrounds, a new antenna installation became necessary. We always thought the old one was ours. A breakdown in communications, I guess. The new system for the simplex frequency will be in place before we need it. Now if someone else doesn't claim Uncle Harv or his BELOVED air conditioned Talk-in trailer, we will be in business.

Two local repeaters, W3SOG/R on 146.13/73, which will be monitored at the 'Fest, and WA3OHI/R on 147.66/06, will provide alternate sources for information. Catering service will again be on the fairgrounds to help satisfy appetites for food and refreshing cold drinks.

We have been planning for, and expect to enjoy, a successful Field Day operation this year for the first time in several years. The site has been secured and Charlie Higgins - WA3KHE has charge of arrangements. The site is near the East Alcoa plant which is located between Frederick and Adamstown, Maryland.

The May session of the Frederick Volunteer Examining Group was held on the second Saturday. The next tests will be given Saturday, August 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Communications Center on Bonavue Lane in Frederick, Md. Although a few walk-in tests can be accommodated, it is best to contact Rick Ogden - N3RO thirty days ahead of the test date. Phone (301) 845-2670. You will thus be assured of being included in the group who will take the test.

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# MADRAS

The Maryland Apple Dumpling Radio Amateur Society, Inc.

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month - 7:30 PM  
At the WKYS conference room, 4001 Nebraska Ave., N.W.  
Repeater: 144.85 / 145.45 MHz

## MADRAS HAPPENINGS

MADRAS provided support for the Rockville Memorial Day Parade and Festival. MADRAS members assisted with parade preparation and logistics. John - KA3OVK, organized this public service event. He was assisted by Ross - K3USO, Ken - N3AQG, Renee - KC3NG, Kevin - KA2EYP, Laquette - KK4WQ, Charles - WB3GYE, Warren - NM3U, Alan - N3EHD and John - WA3YJA. Thanks to all who participated.

Warren - NM3U, now has his TS-940 back! In addition, Warren is now the proud owner of a TA-33, which he erected after unpacking the 940.

Warren was assisted by Renee - KC3NG and Charles - WB3GYE.

MADRAS members had a great time at the Manassas Hamfest. Several members were observed carrying newly purchased equipment, antennas, packett goodies and various items to enhance their stations and operating abilities.

FIELD DAY - The excitement heightens as Field Day gets closer. This is a major club activity for the members and we are all looking forward to getting together and working (and playing) as a group.

Anthony L. Davis, N4SAS

## Washington Area YL Amateur Radio Club

Washington Area Young Ladies Radio Club  
Meets "at least 4 times per year," usually at QTH of Liz Zandonini - W3CDQ  
Information: Phone W3CDQ at 363-7400 or Irene - W3RXJ at 423-7138

As reported in the June issue of Auto-Call, Betty Aylor - W3SLS became a Silent Key on May 13. Betty was a member of WAYLARC for over 30 years and has lived in the area since 1941.

Peg - W3HSS, our member who retired and moved to Florida in December, was back for a visit in April but she is not yet on the air from her new QTH. We hope she will soon have her station set up so we can have some QSOs with her.

Liz - W3CDQ has been in the hospital since the latter part of May for treatment of bone cancer. We hope she will continue to improve and will be home by the time this is read.

The Young Ladies' Radio League (YLRL) will have a convention in Hawaii next year - the 50th Anniversary in the 50th State. The date is June 27-30, 1989. Christa Elksnat - DJ1TE, our adoptee from Germany, and her husband plan to attend. Also Barbara Ulatowska - SP2FF, our friend from Poland, will be at the convention. Christa and her daughter, Regina, were here for the 1982 YLRL convention which WAYLARC sponsored and Barbara was here for the 1985 convention held in Las Vegas.

WAYLARC will be handling the Ladies' and Children's Program, as we usually do, at the Hamfest held by the Foundation for Amateur Radio in September.

Irene - W3RXJ

# Laurel Amateur Radio Club

A Volunteer Examiner Coordinator



Address: P.O. Box 1436, Laurel, MD 20707-0951  
VEC Address: P.O. Box 3039, Laurel, MD 20708-0039  
Meetings: Second Wednesday, 2000 local, Informal meeting.  
Fourth Wednesday, 2000 local, Business Meeting, Capitol College.  
Other Wednesdays, 2030 local - 147.54 MHz  
Information: Frank - K3LDE (301) 498 2213 or Emmett - N3BOR (301) 674-4080

May brought LARC's biggest event of the year, the Laurel Main Street Festival. For us, the festival started out at 6:30 a.m. when the festival officials began roaming Main Street. Most of the LARC crowd were in position by 7:00 a.m. when the vendors started coming in to set up.

The parade kicked off at 10:00 a.m. Between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. the streets swelled with people. According to festival officials, over 60,000 people crowded the streets during the course of the day.

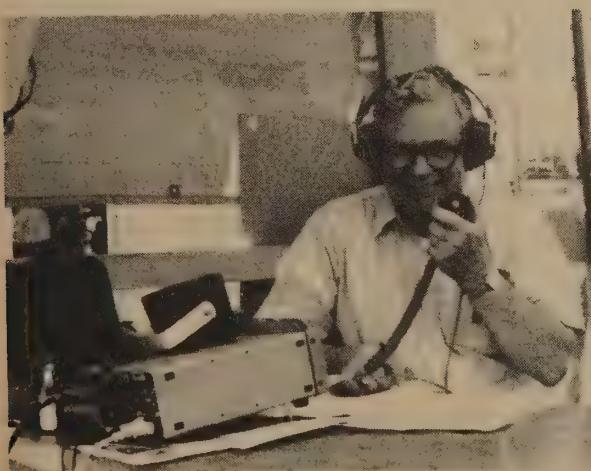
LARC had people stationed at the various vehicle entry points onto the street for the vendors, along the street at 1/2 block intervals, shadowing key festival officials, in the LARC booth next to the information booth, with the Laurel Police communications van and at LARC's emergency operating position at the American Red Cross Office in the Armory.

Alternating as NCS were K3LDE, K3IOG, W3DQI and W3GFS. Others participating were KA3GVR, KA3MFM, W3FNO, N3FQY, N3DYG, KD3S, WA4AVU, KA3QPU, N3CKD, N3DUE, KA3HSC, KD7JZ, WA3OGZ, N3FWX, N3AUQ, N3FXH, KD3EF, KA3QPW and yours truly, N3BOR. See the accompanying photo and the Public Service column in last month's Auto-Call.

LARC members are looking forward to a slightly more adventurous special event this year. We will be operating Special Event Station W3GFS from 1800Z on July 23 to 1800Z on July 24, from Bodkin Island - a two acre uninhabited island in the eastern Chesapeake Bay Southeast of Kent Island. All equipment, supplies, food and people will be transported by boat to this little island.

Frequencies of operation will be the bottom 25 KHz of 80 - 10 in the General phone band and on the LARC simplex frequency, 147.54 MHz. Information will be available via those frequencies or 147.105 repeater. An attractive 8x10 certificate will be available for an SASE and QSL to LARC, P.O. Box 1436, Laurel, MD 20707-0951. Listen for us and join the fun! KA3MFM promises to go water-ski-mobile with a special QSL card for the first 20 contacts he makes - provided his dad lends him his HT.

Field Day will probably just be getting started as this hits the streets so I don't have anything constructive to say at this time. Next month I'll let you know how LARC's weekend went, along with a tentative score.



Frank Treadwell - K3LDE  
Acting as NCS part of the day

Emmett - N3BOR

# Vienna Wireless Society

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Meetings: 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 7:30 p.m.  
Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna, VA

Repeater: K4HTA/R

Nets: Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on 146.085 in and 146.685 out.  
Alternate simplex frequency is 147.51  
10 Meter, 28.400 MHz 9:00 p.m. every night of the week except meeting nights.

Information: Bill Mills, KC5PF/4 (703) 937-4090 (Home), (703) 359-0141 (Work)

Training Classes: Dave Guffy, NY4V (703) 385-6608

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 418, Vienna, VA 22180

## ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

The VWS Engineering and Operational Support Group (EOSG) has been activated under the capable leadership of Bill Moran - W4MIB. The group is organized to provide a technological capability to design, install and operate VWS Amateur Radio repeater stations. The EOSG also provides engineering support to the club membership for testing new and unique communications innovations. To celebrate the VWS's 25th year as a public service club, the EOSG will be publishing a journal of technical papers written by VWS members. The journal will cover various aspects of Amateur Radio from technical to historical.

## FALL RADIO CLASSES

Dave Guffey - NY4V, training coordinator, has scheduled the instructors for the VWS Fall Amateur Radio training classes to begin in September. The classes will be held at the Vienna Town Community Center. More details on the classes will be found in the August issue of Auto-Call.

Bill - KC5PF/4

## LIGHTNING PROTECTION

We seem to have been getting a little more than our share of thunderstorms in the last few weeks, and reports of damage to a couple of repeaters has made us think seriously about some extra protecting for our radio equipment. An article in the April "Ham Hum" (Omaha, Nebraska) suggests the use of Metal Oxide Varistors (MOVs) across the AC line AND from each side of the line to ground (or at least from the hot side to ground.) "MOVs act like a bidirectional zener diode and cut voltage spikes off at the knees, absorbing all the power above a certain voltage level... The three MOVs may not protect you from everything, but they are a good start toward lightning awareness and protection therefrom.

A good MOV for radio use is rated at 140VAC and is nearly an inch in diameter and about 1/8 inch thick. They are available from local electronic parts suppliers at a cost of about 50¢ each. This sounds like cheap insurance. The article mentions a ZNR K201 type and says that three MOVs is all you are buying in some fancy lightning protection plugs that sell for \$19.95. (From "Ham Hum," Omaha, NE)

# Department of State Amateur Radio Club

Meetings: First working Monday of each month at 1200 Noon.  
Main State Department Building, Room 3524, Washington, D.C.

The Foreign Service Net: Every Sunday 1500-1530Z on 14.316  
1530-1600Z on 21.416 and 1600-1630 on 28.616

Repeater: W3DOS/R 145.19, open access. Round Table, Thursday nights at 8:30 p.m.

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**REMINDER:** The Department of State ARC and GW University ARC will give FCC exams - Novice through Extra - on Saturday, July 9. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Code test at 9:30 and written test begins at 10:30 a.m. The fee is \$4.55 (checks only) made payable to ARRL/VEC.

The location is the George Washington University, Tompkins Hall of Engineering, 2nd floor, Room 202. The address is 725 23rd Street NW (1 block South of the Foggy Bottom Metro station). Free parking on many local streets on Saturday. Talk-in on 145.19 MHz repeater. For additional information, contact Derrill Rohlfs - W3WOX at (301) 423-0179 (Home) or (202) 676-5914 (Office).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joel Rochow-N3FSH for up-grading to General. Joel, it was a pleasure having you join our Foreign Service Net on June 12.

**FOREIGN SERVICE NET.** A number of our overseas stations will be shutting down and returning to Washington. They are: Carl Renz - K4LYT, returning this Summer from the Philippines; Jim Walsh-KI4PR, operating as TA2/KI4PR from

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Ankara, Turkey; Tom Warren - K3TW, operating as VU2TJW from New Delhi; Jules Beaudin, operating as 5Z4JL in Nairobi and Larry Eicher - 5N0WRE from Nigeria.

Jim Walsh has given us all a chance at working a TA. Many thanks, Jim. Tom Warren surprised us June 12 with his new call - VU2TJW. Note: Dex Anderson-W4KM advises us that the Soviets scooped us on Tom Warren's plans. Dex translates from the USSR "Soviet Patriot" newspaper - an article written by Boris Stephanov that says, "in June K3TN is shutting down his operation VU2TJW. He then plans an expedition to: 5H3, 9U5, 9X5, D68 and 7Q7."

Rare stations to be heard on the FSN include: Dave Heil - J52US, from Guinea Bissau and Bill Ellis - 3DA0CD from Swaziland.

Note: Tom Warren will be transferring to 5H3 and Larry Eicher will be transferring to SU, Egypt.

Jane - KG3R

## FOUNDATION MEETINGS

The Foundation for Amateur Radio meets the second Wednesday of each month. All trustees are urged to attend, visitors are always welcome.

Meetings usually alternate between Maryland and Virginia but for the Summer months all meetings will be held at the Columbia Union College, Science Building, in Takoma Park, Maryland. Talk-in on 147.18.

Membership in the Foundation is open to all Amateur Radio organizations in the greater Washington area. We are hoping to have more clubs join the Foundation. For further information phone (703) 820-3044 or write Corresponding Secretary Irene Akers - W3RXJ, 2443 St. Clair Drive, Temple Hills, MD 20748.

# Hit by the Radio Bug

By Barbara Lester, YF of VE3MB

Whatever affliction a fellow has got,  
The Radio Bug is the worst of the lot.

It attracts different people in all walks of life,  
Can infect your best friend and be caught by your wife.

And those so afflicted are often called "Hams,"  
Which has nothing to do with pig, smoked or Spam'd.

No pig worth his salt would behave as Hams do,  
And if you want proofs, I will tell you a few.

One sign of the onset of this dreaded disease:  
The patient can't speak but in Radioese,

A gibberish of decibels, loads and converters,  
Closed loops, decay time, bifilar inverters.

Another sure clue that he has an attack,  
He hides in some room he insists is his "shack."

And if you peek in, there's no one to be seen,  
He just talks to himself - and you know what that means!

The patient develops a chronic condition  
(A serious symptom of brain malnutrition),

He craves little black boxes and long hours to play with them  
The smaller the boxes, the more he will pay for them.

And a Ham who seems normal to most folks he sees  
Will spend most of a day climbing up and down trees,

With great coils of wire and other queer stuff,  
And no matter how high, it is not high enough.

So if one of these "Hams" you should happen to see,  
Draped over a chimney or way up a tree,

Don't pass heedlessly by with a nod or a shrug,  
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(From "The Canadian Amateur Radio Magazine,"  
November 1987, via the "Spark Gap Newsletter.")

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1800 Maryland Emergency Phone Net: 3.920 SSB  
1800 Virginia Sideband Net: 3.947 SSB  
1830 Virginia Slow Net: 3.68 CW  
1900 Virginia Net (early): 3.68 CW  
1900 MD-DC Net: 3.643 CW  
1915 Shenandoah Valley Emergency Net: 146.22/.82 FM  
2100 Vienna Wireless Society Pow-Wow Net: 28.4 SSB  
2130 MD Slow Net: 3.717 CW  
2200 MD-DC Net: 3.643 CW  
2200 Virginia Net (late): 3.68 CW  
2215 Virginia Late Net: 3.947 SSB

### Weekends & Holidays:

4/1-11/15 1100/1500: Chesapeake Bay Weather & Traffic Net: 147.705/.105 FM

### Sundays:

0900 Sunday Morning Coffee Net: 50.4 AM  
1900 Maryland 6 Meter Free State SSB Net: 50.125  
1900 Washington Co. 2-Meter Net: 146.94/.34 FM  
2100 Md-DC-NVa Regional EC Net: 146.91/.31 FM

### Mondays:

2000 Woodbridge Wireless Net: 147.84/.24 FM  
2030 Maryland Mobileers Net: 146.805/205

### Tuesdays:

1930 Arlington ARES Net: 146.58 FM  
2000 Mt. Vernon ARES Net: 146.055/.655  
2000 Montgomery Co. RACES/ARES Net: 146.46 FM

### Wednesdays:

2145 (Third Weds. of each month) Virginia Section ARES Appointees Net:  
3947 KHz LSB

### Thursdays:

1900 Four State Net: 147.09/.69 FM  
1930 Vienna Wireless Society Emergency Net: 146.085/.685 FM  
2000 Alexandria Radio Club Net: 147.915/.315 FM  
2000 Ole Virginia Hams Net: 146.37/.97 FM  
2100 Prince Georges Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net: 147.75/.15 FM  
2100 Vienna Wireless Society Traffic Net: 28.010 CW

### Saturdays:

1900 MCNRC Net: 52.25/53.25 and 144.95 FM

### Emergency, only-as required:

Vienna Emergency Net A (VEN/A): 3910 KHz (7260 alternate) B  
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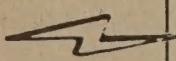
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